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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arcana Albright (Modern Foreign Languages) chaired a panel on the "Televisual Imaginary" and presented a paper entitled "To View or not to View? Jean-Philippe Toussaint's Televisual Imaginary" at the International Conference on Word and Image Studies at the Université du Québec à Montréal in August.

Jon Bekken (Communications) attended a week-long workshop at the Poynter Institute in July on incorporating multimedia into the journalism curriculum. In August, he presented his work on the African-American and Spanish-language press in Chicago as part of a panel on minority voices in the media at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference. Also in August, Bekken reviewed the book "Becoming the Second City: Chicago's Mass News Media, 1833-1898" for Jhistory (an email list devoted to scholarship in journalism history).

Chuck Brown (Sociology) presented a paper entitled "Faith as a Cultural Resource: Minimizing Uncertainty in the Christian Retailing and Entertainment Industry" at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual meetings held in Las Vegas, NV in August.

Matt Garrison's (Digital Media) work was included in the exhibition, "Collage Logic," as part of the Harvest Works Electronic Art Festival on Governors Island, May 21 through September 25. His video, "Roller Blades," was screened in the film festival, Video_DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge) on September 25.

John Incledon (Modern Foreign Languages) presented a paper, entitled "Memory and Immortality in *Las aventuras de Dios* (Eliseo Subiela) and *La invención de Morel* (Adolfo Bioy Casares)," at the conference on Memory in World Cinema II, held at the University of Texas/San Antonio on September 23-25.

Jennifer Koosed's (Religious Studies) book *Gleaning Ruth: A Biblical Heroine and Her Afterlives* was published over the summer. Jennifer Koosed and Rob Seesengood were invited to present at the Drew University Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium on the theme of Divinanimality over the weekend of September 30. They presented a paper entitled "Daniel's Animal Apocalypse."

Kate Lehman (Communications) published her book, **Those Girls: Single Women in Sixties and Seventies Popular Culture**, with the University Press of Kansas in September. Her book release was featured on the Chronicle of Higher Education's PageView site on July 13 (<http://chronicle.com/blogs/pageview/which-girl/29067>).

Wil Lindsay (Digital Media) has had a new series of digital works accepted for exhibition in a large public spaces program through the Billboard Arts Project. Along with other works from around the country, Wil's work will be shown for 24 hours on Saturday, October 22nd, on an LED billboard at

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Route 222 & Kutztown Rd, Temple, PA. Reading was selected along with Baton Rouge, Chicago and New Orleans for unique exhibitions in this public-spaces series.

TC Smith (Political Science) reviewed for publication and added some substantive suggestions for *The American Dietetic Association's A to Z Guide to Nutraceuticals*. The ADA is the world's largest association of food and nutrition professionals. They publish a peer-reviewed journal as well as occasional book projects such as this one, intended as a reference for health professionals.

Claudia Strauss (English and Communications) reports that a Slovak edition of her book, *Talking to Alzheimer's*, was released September 21, 2011, in conjunction with World Alzheimer's Day. Its Slovak title is: *Rozhovory s ľuďmi chorými na Alzheimerovu chorobu*.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Please join the entire Albright community for the **Grand Opening Celebration of the Albright College Science Center on October 14, 2011**. The event will begin with a fascinating talk by Dr. Robert Full, UC-Berkeley, on bioengineering (find out what Pixar, a Mars land rover and Spiderman all have in common) at 4:30 p.m. in the Werner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel. The talk will be followed by a reception and tours of the Science Center, beginning at 5:45 p.m. **You do not want to miss this historic event for Albright!** Please RSVP to lboughter@alb.edu.

Higher Education Council of Berks County Faculty Dialogue - November 2, 2011 – Alvernia University (time and location forthcoming). Come learn about the faculty exchange program, which involves faculty from Berks colleges and high schools visiting each others' classrooms and engaging in idea exchange.

Brown Bag Series on Teaching and Learning: A series of brown bags will be held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Club. Drinks and cookies will be provided, BYOL. The dates and topics, based on faculty feedback, are as follows:

October 11, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00, Topic: Advanced Moodle (held in the Library's Media Classroom).

November 15, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00, David Tanner and Beth Krumholz will facilitate a discussion on Using Arts Events within Curriculum and for Skills.

December 8, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00, Topic: How to Teach "Deep" Reading.

Soup Socials will be held in the Faculty Club on the following dates and times:

October 12 – 12:00 – 2:00

October 25 – 11:30 – 1:30

November 9 – 12:00 – 2:00

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November 22 – 11:30 – 1:30

December 7 – 11:00 – 2:00

Academic Learning Center (Erin Evans, Asst. Dean and Director)

- Erin Evans remains on leave, but the ALC continues to operate relatively smoothly. However, opening figures for the fall show another significant increase in accommodated students and in ALC tutor requests; the latter was at 420 through September, whereas in Fall '09 there were 350 for the entire semester. This activity is pushing the limits of peer tutoring – although newly hired tutors started work at the end of the month, currently 29 requests for tutors remain unfilled or were referred to the Writing Center or back to the course professor.
- The ALC and Writing Center were awarded re-certification by the College Reading and Learning Association and commended for their excellent work.
- Ten academic skills workshops are scheduled for Fall, using faculty, staff, and tutor presenters (see <http://www.albright.edu/academics/alc-academicsskworkshops.html>).
- The Academic Probation Recovery Program has been kicked off and will serve 26 students; Prof. Denise Greenwood is serving as the main facilitator in Erin's absence.

Writing Center (Rachel Liberatore, Coordinator)

- For the current 2011-2012 academic year, the Writing Center is open 47 hours/week, employing 12 tutors. The Center's tutors bring wider writing expertise from across the curriculum, including biology, history, fashion and business.
- Traffic in the WC is on par with last fall – 231 appointments
- The WC is visiting classes (13 so far) both to promote services and to hold workshops; will redesign its website and Facebook page for additional student and faculty outreach; and will collaborate with the Academic Learning Center on tutor trainings, Tutor Appreciation Week and On-Course Study Skills initiatives.

Correction: In the September Provost's Bulletin Dr. Theresa Smith was listed as an Assistant Professor. Her title should have been listed as Visiting Professor.

OFFICIAL FALL 2011 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 (Census date):

Class	Registered Fall 2011
2012 Seniors	367
2013 Juniors	395
2014 Sophomores	386
2015 Freshmen	519
International Exchange	1
TOTAL	1668
Part Time	18 (34 Units)
Graduate	74 (157 Units)
Degree Completion	488
Degree Start	135

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2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL 2010 TO FALL 2011 RETENTION

CLASS <u>YEAR</u>	<u>FALL 10 ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS</u>	<u>ATTRITION PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>RETENTION PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>FINAL RETENTION PERCENTAGE LAST YEAR</u>
2012 SENIORS	357	29	8.12%	91.88%	91.19%
2013 JUNIORS	441	77	17.46%	82.54%	80.15%
2014 SOPHOMORES	485	127	26.19%	73.81%	75.23%
TOTAL	1283	233	18.16%	81.84%	81.09%

December 2011 Graduates

ADP Students			Traditional Day Students		
Caleb	Asemes	BS	Shannon	Branch	AB
Nickole	Atkins	BS	Robert	Bremme	BS
Karen	Bachman	BS	Danielle	Catalani	AB
Kyle	Beitzer	BS	Daniel	Cieniewicz	AB
Chad	Berstler	BS	Joshua	Cutts	AB
Mary Ann	Bono	BS	Matthew	Davis	BS
Lori	Brandt	BS	Paige	Dezii	AB
Rachel	Cinelli	BS	Julian	Dietrich	BS
Alexander	Colon	BS	Andrea	Eiland	AB
David	Corio	BS	Angelina	Evans	AB
Mary Ann	Courcelle	BS	Ashley	Frey	AB
Jason	Crouse	BS	Michael	Grantham	AB
Amy	Custer	BS	Kevin	Higdon	AB
Carolyn	Czerniak	BS	Soe Jean	Joh	AB
Brian	Durchin	BS	Ambre	Juryea-Amole	AB
Traci	Faiola	BS	Robert	Mancinelli	AB
Lisa	Filoon	BS	Keith	Marburger II	BS
Cindy	Fisher	BS	Tara	McAdams	AB
Alicia	Flood	BS	Matthew	Odenwalt	AB
LaTasha	Frye	BS	Kathryn	Palladino	AB
Sean	Gablehouse	BS	Gregory	Piscielli	BS
Michael	Gross	BS	Laura	Rentschler	AB
Ellen	Grow	BS	Jennifer	Snyder	AB
Shallon	Hand	BS	Luke	Sutliff	AB
Eric	Hogue	BS	Amber	Szilli	AB
Marie	Intrieri	BS	Joseph	Talarigo	BS
Theresa	Lucia	BS	Anjoelisa	Taveras	AB
Ashley	Mannion	BS	Jaclyn	Trego	AB
Kenneth	Miller	BS	John	Vadyak	BS
Jose	Miranda	BS	Mandy	Wagner	BS

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Debbie	Myers	BS	Alyshia	Wassel	BS
Bobby Jo	North	BS			
Christine	Pecorello	BS		Graduate Students	
Abby	Porter	BS	Shanalyn	Sweigart	MS
Santaisha	Price	BS			
Hema	Rana	BS			
Brian	Rathgeb	BS			
Christine	Reinhardt	BS			
Amariles	Rivera	BS			
Wendy	Roberts	BS			
Nathaniel	Rodriguez	BS			
William	Shebby	BS			
Evan	Siegel	BS			
Janet	Smilowski	BS			
Roberta	Spahr	BS			
Brandy	Sterner	BS			
Betty	Sweitzer	BS			
Monica	Teles-Carr	BS			
Richard	Uhlman	BS			
Jill	Weaver	BS			
Warren	Weik	BS			
Agnes	White	BS			
Carmen	White	BS			
Jessica	Wills	BS			
Amy	Wise	BS			
Cherie	Wolfskill	BS			
Gail	Wright	BS			