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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge. Pre-meeting refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in the South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Jon Bekken (Communication) has been asked to speak on two panels at the upcoming Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Boston this August - a pre-convention workshop titled "Building Cultural Capital: Helping First Generation College Students Succeed in their First Internship Experience," and a teaching session on "Teaching Class to Journalism and Mass Communication Students." He has just submitted a review of Peter Cole's "Wobblies on the Waterfront" to the *International Review of Social History*.

Ethan Joella (ESL/English) has been named Assistant Editor for fiction submissions at *Narrative Magazine*.

YoungJoo Lee (Fashion) has had her proposal for the Community of Apparel, Textiles & Design Juried Showcase and Exhibition accepted for presentation at the 2009 American Association Family and Consumer Sciences National Conference in Knoxville, TN. She will present her design work, "Reiteration," at the AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo on June 26, 2009.

Suzanne Palmer (Economics and Business) has been awarded a Pre-Law Advisor Scholarship to attend a summer session in environmental law and policy at Vermont Law School. Suzanne will be taking *Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development*.

Jim Scheirer (Emeritus Professor from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, who retired in May 2007) has had an article from his Spring 2006 sabbatical leave research with Andrew Abbott at the University of Leicester in England, published in the *Australian Journal of Chemistry*. The article is entitled "Processing of Electric Arc Furnace Dust Using Deep Eutectic Liquids" by Andrew P. Abbott, John Collins, Ian Dalrymple, Robert C. Harris, Reena Mistry, Fulian Qiu, James Scheirer, and William R. Wise.

Patricia Snyder (Psychology) and **Kathy Ozment** (Modern Foreign Languages) presented at the national meeting of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean in Pella, Iowa, February 18-21. Their session title was: "Creating Global Citizens through Non-traditional Study Abroad: Experiential Learning in the Dominican Republic."

Several DCP Psychology students and faculty will have multiple presentations at the Eastern Psychological Association in March in Pittsburgh. The presentation topics and their presenters are: **Sally D. Farley** (University of Baltimore), **Natasha Luciotti** (Albright College), **Rebecca Nusbaum** (University of Baltimore) *Conversational Interruption as a Test of the Interpersonal Complementarity Hypothesis*; **Elizabeth R. Flatt-Fultz & Lindsay Phillips**, *Changing Staff Attitudes Through Empowerment Training*; **Lindsay Phillips, Michele Brightbill, Christine Supper, Melinda Milhalcik, Lauren Wadsworth, Amanda Cairns, Elizabeth Flatt-Fultz, & Mary-ellen Marks**, *The Influence of Socioeconomic Status on Dating Preferences*; **Michele Brightbill &**

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Lindsay Phillips, *A Study of Shyness, Social Anxiety, and Internet Social Use*; **Roberta M. Capoferri & Lindsay Phillips**, *Coaches' Perception of ADHD Traits on Athlete's Performance and Self Esteem*; **Christine M. Supper & Lindsay Phillips**, *Eyewitness Recall Ability: Does Group Discussion Affect Witnesses' Memories?*; **Melinda A. Milhalcik & Lindsay Phillips**, *Candidates Attraction to Diversified Organizations*; **Andra M. Basu**, *Beliefs About Attitudes Toward Interracial Relationships and Ethnocultural Empathy*.

FACULTY AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that this year Albright will present five faculty awards. It invites nominations (including self-nominations). Please submit brief letters of nomination to Guillaume de Syon (gdesyon@alb.edu) by **March 13, 2009**. Following the nomination process, the Awards Committee will ask the nominees to provide additional materials, with a final deadline for all materials of **April 15, 2009**. Here is a description of each award:

- 1) The **Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award** is awarded each year to one member of the faculty who best exemplifies the criteria for teaching excellence. This award cannot be given to any faculty member more than once.
- 2) The **Dr. Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Distinguished Faculty Award** is awarded each year to the faculty member who is deemed to be most worthy of recognition for distinguished teaching.
- 3) The **Class of '49 Annadora Vesper Shirk Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship** is awarded each year to a faculty member who best exemplifies a commitment to scholarship and creativity.
- 4) The **Dr. Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Research Award** honors ongoing work in the field of the laureate.
- 5) The **United Methodist Church Teaching Award** will be given to the faculty member who best exemplifies a combined spirit of teaching and commitment to the Albright community. The laureate will be chosen in mid February, and nominations are also welcome.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming Dean's Seminar: A "DO NOT MISS" EVENT!

Monday, March 23, 2009, CCSL (4-6 p.m.; followed by buffet dinner 6-8 p.m.)

The guest speaker will be Dr. Roger Martin, President Emeritus of Randolph-Macon College and former President of Moravian College. Dr. Martin's book, *Racing Odysseus: A College President becomes a Freshman Again*, describes his experience as a first year student at St. John's University while on sabbatical from Randolph-Macon. Dr. Martin will discuss the importance of liberal education and interdisciplinary, engaged learning and academic rigor. He is both a lively and inspirational speaker and looks forward to dialogue with our community on these important issues. His book is available in both the bookstore and library. Please RSVP by 3/16 to ssnyder@alb.edu.

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The last Dean's seminar of the academic year will be held Monday, April 20, 2009, CCSL (4-6 p.m.; followed by buffet dinner 6-8 p.m.). This will be a discussion-based seminar on the General Education proposal. Please RSVP by 4/13 to ssnyder@alb.edu.

2. St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 12

The annual faculty St. Patrick's Day Lunch will be held March, 12, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in the Faculty Club. The Professional Council is starting a new tradition associated with this lunch, celebrating the scholarly accomplishments of the faculty during the past year. If you completed a publication, exhibit or performance since March 2008, please bring or send the product (e.g., article, book, book chapter, brochure, show catalog, etc.) to the Provost's office or email to ssnyder@alb.edu between March 9th and 11th so that we may arrange a display. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Kiddy (ekiddy@alb.edu). For food services consideration, please RSVP your attendance by Monday, March 9 to Sue Snyder, x7643, or ssnyder@alb.edu.

3. Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference Submission Deadline March 20th

The 10th Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, sponsored by the Higher Education Council of Berks County, will be hosted by Reading Area Community College (RACC) on **Saturday, April 18**. The conference theme is "Juggling Ambiguity." Students are invited to submit their research, analyses, and artistry in the form of paper presentations, poster presentations, musical and theatrical performances, and artistic and technical exhibitions. The deadline for submission is **Friday, March 20, 2009 (during Albright's spring break)**. Please encourage your students to take part. Details can be found at www.racc.edu/urc or by contacting Kim Justeson, Director of Experiential Learning, kjusteson@alb.edu. Participation is free for Albright students and transportation will be provided.

4. Third Annual Kutztown University Assessment Symposium – March 21, 2009

On Saturday, March 21, 2009, Kutztown University will host its Third Annual Assessment Symposium. Guest speakers and their topics include: Dr. Jo Allen, Widener University Senior Vice President and Provost, "*Perspectives on Assessment: An Overview of Disciplinary, National, and Global Attention*" and "*The Role of Assessment in Higher Education*"; Dr. Brigitte Valesy, Widener University Assistant Provost for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, "*General Education and Assessment*". The afternoon will offer discipline-based discussion and idea exchange. The registration deadline for this event is March 16, 2009. For more information contact Mr. Brian Meares, phone 484-646-4346; fax 484-646-4398 or email meares@kutztown.edu.

5. Change in Sneak Peek Dates

There have been recent discussions regarding proposed changes in our Sneak Peek program, including scheduling it earlier and increasing the academic focus. After receiving feedback from the faculty and other campus constituents, we have decided it is best to not move it to an earlier time for the coming year. As we delved further into the logistics, there were several hurdles that would have to be overcome that we did not feel confident we could adequately address in sufficient time. Specific concerns include demands on the registrar, faculty, and facilities at a very busy time of year, availability of residence hall rooms for tours, availability of information regarding roommate assignments and financial aid, conflict with incoming students' high school senior activities. We do believe this is a model worth further exploration and will do so over the next year.

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The main reason for visiting alternative models is that Sneak Peek as a one day event was no longer manageable or a uniformly positive experience for our incoming students and their families. There was some disorganization, space constraints and lack of personnel to address students' needs. **Therefore, we will retain the original Sneak Peek day of July 11, but add a second day, Friday July 10.** This should allow for some of the desired elements to be included – more individualized attention, greater academic focus, timely assistance; and the dates will ensure availability of information and less conflicts with aforementioned activities both for the students and the College.

6. USA TODAY Collegiate Readership Program

The USA TODAY Collegiate Readership Program offers a variety of informational opportunities for faculty and students. Its website www.usatodaycollege.com has been revamped to include more videos, case studies and examples of programming from other institutions for use by faculty and students. USA TODAY also launched a new monthly email forum for students called "The Roundtable." It offers students a glimpse at happenings on campuses around the country, and at news that is important to them. Visit USA TODAY's website to learn more about this program and how it can serve as a resource for your courses.

7. Seminar Opportunity: Elon University and AAC&U Partner for Research Seminar on Engaged Undergraduate Learning

AAC&U and Elon University are cosponsoring a [national, two-year multidisciplinary seminar](#) for college faculty and staff. Elizabeth Minnich, AAC&U senior scholar, will serve as the intellectual leader for the seminar, which is designed to facilitate the development of innovative research and pedagogy on issues central to engaged undergraduate learning. The inaugural seminar will focus on teaching democratic thinking. Space is limited to twenty participants. Applications from individuals and small institutional teams may be submitted [online](#). Application deadline is **April 1, 2009**.