NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arcana Albright (Modern Foreign Languages) will be presenting a paper entitled "Capitalist (Short-) Circuits: Development, Drugs and Death in Jean-Philippe Toussaint's Fair" at the annual 20th/21st-Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium in New York City on March 7, 2014.

Justin Couchman (Psychology) gave a talk entitled "Strategy and metacognitive monitoring during exams" about research done with Noelle Miller '14 at the 106th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, SC on February 6 and was featured on the cover of the March issue of Berks County Living, in a story entitled “Pets aid in human health.”

Matt Fotis (Theatre) presented “In Defense of Sketch Comedy: Re-Visioning its Place in the Theatrical Hierarchy” and “Revising the Way We Teach Revision in the Playwriting Classroom” at the 2014 Mid-America Theatre Conference in Cleveland, OH. His play King Lear: The Sequel also received a workshop reading as part of the MATC Dramatists Play Lab. He will also be a featured instructor and performer at the CoMotion Improv Festival.

Laura Gelety (Psychology) and Lynai Miller from Allentown Psychology Cohort 4 will be presenting a poster at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston, Massachusetts on March 14th entitled "Does Face Shape Affect Attractiveness?"

Teresa Gilliams (English) presented a lecture/discussion in honor of Black History Month entitled "What’s Necessary About Black History Month? and Other Nagging Questions About Race in America" at the Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro, PA on February 23, 2014.

Brian Jennings (Sociology), Beth Krumholz (CFA), Cathy Myers, (Adjunct, Political Science), and Environmental Studies students, Sarah Crothers'15 and Rachael Beam ‘16, presented "The Unfenced Campus Garden: A Place where Communication, Creativity and Education are Cultivated" at the Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education's Annual Conference. The workshop was well attended and received. Numerous institutions were interested in applying our community garden model at their sites.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) presented a paper “Stories of Survival and Sustenance” on a special panel previewing the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Biblical Narrative at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Lindsay Phillips (ADP Psychology) is coauthoring with DCP students and graduates the following presentations at the 85th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA, in mid-March: “Recycling Behavior in a Food Court is Rare” with the Blue Bell 11 Psychology cohort
(Naomi Levitsky, Jennifer Powers-Stanya, Suzanne Bair, Denise Biehn, Lauren McNeal, Anna Corry, Peggy Farjado, Kereese Johnson, Bethany Pollins, Keith Sims, and Ivy Stewart); “People Dining Alone More Likely to have Visible Cell Phone” with the Pottstown 9 Psychology Cohort (Nicole Rodenbaugh, Ashlee Rodriguez, Arlene Reyes, Heather Nye, Karen Kulakowski, Benjamin Menk, Morgan Giampietro, Corey Gill, and Amanda Dougherty); and "Adult Students Returning to School for Psychology" with DCP graduates Denise Cook, Lisa Ehring Schanbacher, and Cynthia Whitley

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

David Nawrocki’s (Math) student, Hillary Hanford, gave a talk entitled "Magic Squares" on February 15 at the Moravian Mathematics Conference. Her talk was part of a research project undertaken in the senior seminar mathematics capstone course under the direction of David Nawrocki

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Admission visits: The Scholarship Dinner for accepted students will be held on March 9 and the following day a number of students will be on campus to attend classes. Also, during the week of April 7, students will be invited to attend classes and, if desired, schedule a meeting with faculty. Admission’s goal is to inform professors ahead of time that a student plans to bring a guest, which the student should do as well. If you wish to recommend particular courses for our visitors, please let Admission know.

The W(h)ine and Cheese provost-faculty conversation hour for the months of March and April will now be held on Thursday, March 13 and Thursday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Faculty Club. These dates have been changed since noted in last month’s provost bulletin.

The department chair meeting for the month of March has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.

The deadline to enter the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry’s 2014 Business Idea Challenge, which encourages local college students to consider and pursue entrepreneurial opportunities, is on Monday, March 17. The guidelines are attached to this e-mail.

Monica Meyerhoff, Vice President of Rickes Associates, has rescheduled her visit to campus to March 24 and 25, 2014, to conduct a classroom capacity study. Open faculty sessions will be held on Monday, March 24 at noon and Tuesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend either session, please join the department chair session scheduled on March 24 at 4:00 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Faculty Club.

Dean’s Seminar on Monday, March 31, 2014, 4-6 P.M. Dr. Fred Mandell, author of *Becoming a Life Change Artist: 7 Creative Skills to Reinvent Yourself at Any Stage of Life* will facilitate an interactive presentation on creative vitality and the Great Masters. This event, sponsored by the Sloan Grant for Faculty Retirement Transitions, will be held in the Campus Center South Lounge. All faculty are encouraged to attend.
For your students who are planning to attend graduate school: free practice tests for graduate/professional school (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT) are offered by Kaplan. Go to: http://bit.ly/AlbrightCollege. In addition, Kerri Quick from Kaplan, will be offering a “Path to Grad School” Seminar on April 3 at 4 pm in Geiser House.

Professional Development Opportunities

2014 Workshop for Department and Division Chairs will be held on May 13-15 at the Embassy Suites Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information, please contact the Academic Affairs office. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon: The annual faculty St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club.

The 15th Annual HECBC Undergraduate Research Conference is being held at Reading Area Community College on Saturday, April 26, 2014. More information and registration deadlines will soon be posted on their website. Please contact Kim Justeson, kjusteson@alb.edu with questions.

Save the date for the evening of April 28, as we inaugurate the annual Berks County Bar Association Lecture in Contemporary Legal Issues, focusing this year on the Bar's theme of “every vote matters.” The 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is this year, leading into next year’s anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Our speaker is Ryan P. Haygood, Director of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund’s Political Participation Group. Mr. Haygood, a graduate of Colorado College and the Colorado School of Law, has been involved in a number of high-profile federal voting cases, including Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder (in which the U.S. Supreme Court struck down portions of the Voting Rights Act) and other cases in Texas, South Carolina, and Florida.

The Third Annual Teaching and Learning Showcase and Workshops will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Details to follow.

Arché, Albright’s summer orientation will be held the week of June 23 this year. Faculty contact and advising is the centerpiece of the event.

Academic Learning Center

- Tutoring: 360 requests to date, approximately equal to last spring; 11 study groups arranged, compared to 7 last spring.
- Disability Services: 59 accommodation requests, compared to 47 this time last spring, including 30 freshmen (v. 12 last spring).
- Academic Counseling: 182 appointments, down from last spring (277). Profs. Warfield and Mislevy and Amanda Haninek continue to assist. A total of 54 meetings had to be canceled and rescheduled due to the College being closed for inclement weather.
- Academic Skills Workshops: 5 to date with 155 attendees. 2 workshops had to be rescheduled due to the College being closed for inclement weather. This is a significant
increase in workshops and attendance from last spring (3 at this time last spring, 58 attendees).

- Academic Probation: 69 students on probation (v. 52 spring 2013), 43% of them freshmen (v. 35% last spring).

**Experiential Learning and Career Development Center** (Karen Evans, Asst. Dean and Director and Kim Justeson, Director)

- 12th annual Study Abroad Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 5th with 15 provider organizations and several Albright faculty members representing their programs
- ELCDC is gearing up for a busy student travel season as students prepare for conference presentations across the U.S.
- 59 students have been awarded funding for conference travel so far this semester and 5 more will attend the National Conference on Undergraduate Research with full funding in Lexington, KY in April
- Horizons Job and Career Fair was held on Wednesday, February 19th with 40 employers and 175 students
- LVCCE (Lehigh Valley College and Career Expo), held on Wednesday, February 26th boasted 122 employers with 28 Albright students in attendance
- On-campus recruiting begins March 1st with a variety of employers coming to campus to interview our students for internships and jobs
- March 26th the Criminal Justice Society and ELCDC will co-host “Careers in Criminal Justice”, 6 pm, Klein Lecture Hall
- March 27th at 6 pm “Women in Power” will feature panelists from all walks of life describing their career journeys; a collaborative event with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Residence Life, and ELCDC. Stop in!

**Library**

**VIDEOTAPE COLLECTION GETTING SMALLER** - With the standardization of the new classroom technology to DVD and CD-ROM, the library is starting to weed its AV collection by removing many, but not all, VHS tapes and other analog media materials. Anything not used within the last 3 years or already owned on DVD has been removed from the library collection and placed in storage.

Any faculty member interested in viewing the list (almost 1200 items long) or perusing the storage shelves is welcome to make an appointment and see if there is anything that should remain in the collection or is of personal interest to carry away. Contact Sue Gallagher (610-921-7208 or sgallagher@alb.edu) by March 17th to make arrangements to view the collection or contact Sandy Stump (610-921-7205 or sstump@alb.edu) for information on how to create a list of items in storage.

**BOOK SELECTION MADE EASIER** - Faculty interested in identifying books for their current or prospective classes or for their own research can now use the online version of CHOICE Reviews, an academic book review source. The source also reviews electronic sources and websites on a variety of topics. To create an account while on campus, go to [http://www.cro3.org/cgi/register](http://www.cro3.org/cgi/register) and register. Once you have a user name and password, you will be able to sign up for personalized e-mail Alerts, save lists and searches on the site, and use
other personalized features anywhere. Contact Rosemary Deegan or Sandy Stump for additional assistance or information.

**BOOK/DVD ORDERING MADE EASIER** - In an effort to make it easier for you to suggest new books and DVDs for purchase, go to the library’s online catalog (http://catalion.albright.edu) and log in with your LionLink username and password. Then click on the “My Purchase Suggestions” link. Once a suggestion is entered, you will receive emails at various stages in the process so you can track the status of the request.

**THE LIBRARY BUILDING TURNS 50** – The library will be soliciting your support in re-creating the April 1964 Book Holiday, the day that the students and faculty helped move the library materials from the Alumni Memorial Library to the “new” Library Administration Building. On April 8, we will be playing 1964 music, re-creating the line of books from Alumni Hall and celebrating the library’s birthday with cake and fun. Watch for further announcements.

**EDIBLE BOOKS COMING** – National Library Week and Edible Books will be celebrated on Wed, April 16. Judges and entries are being solicited.

**YASHEK LECTURE** – Dr. Hasia Diner from New York University is this year's tenth Yashek Lecture Speaker. Dr. Diner will be in the Wachovia Theatre on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:30 pm for her lecture entitled, "American Jews and the Myth of Silence After the Holocaust, 1945-1962". Diner will discuss her controversial 2009 book, *We Remember With Reverence and Love*, which challenges the idea that there was no discussion about the Holocaust in postwar America. This is an Experience event and all are welcome.

**Writing Center** (Rachel Liberatore, Coordinator)

- **Upcoming Workshop for Students:** “Top 10 Ways to Enrich and Mature Your Writing,” March 25, 6:00-7:00pm, CCSL-W.
- **New Reading Tutoring:** Some of our Writing Center tutors will soon be available to assist peers with reading skills such as managing the college reading workload, strategies for approaching and annotating a challenging text, and brainstorming ideas related to what was read. More detailed information about this reading tutoring will be disseminated by campus email.
- **Interim Summary:** During Interim 2014, we held 50 appointments (22 day and 28 ADP) with 42 different students. These appointments included 25 in-person sessions, 24 instances of e-mailed feedback, and 1 telephone conference.
- **Spring Statistics:** For the first month of Spring 2014, we held 136 appointments (112 day and 24 ADP) assisting 82 different students. These appointments included 119 in-person sessions, 14 instances of e-mailed feedback, and 2 telephone conferences.