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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 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

Matt Garrison's (Digital Media) piece, *Synapse*, was included in the traveling video exhibition, *Plus Three Ferris Wheels*, <http://3ferriswheels.wordpress.com/about-2/>

John Inledon's (Modern Foreign Language) article, "Fiction into Film: ¿No oyes ladrar los perros? By Carlos Fuentes," originally published in *MACLAS: Latin American Essays*, has been reprinted in *Short Story Criticism* (Vol. 125) and published by Gale/Cengage Learning in September.

Ethan Joella (ESL/English) has an essay appearing in the upcoming anthology *Upstart Crows II: True Stories*, nineteen remarkable tales of change.

Karen Jogan (Modern Foreign Language) presented a session at the annual convention of ANUPI (Asociacion Nacional Universitaria de Profesores de Ingles) in Zihuantanejo Mexico, "Social Bookmarking and Web 2.0: Collaborative Tools for Teachers and Learners." She also recently completed reports as team chair for two evaluations of university programs for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Fouad Kalouche (Philosophy) participated in, and presented a paper entitled "Inequality in the World System of the 21st Century: the International Division of Labor of *Consumer Subjects*" at an International Conference on "*Inequalities in the World-System: Political Science, Philosophy, Law*" organized by the Centro Brasileiro de Analise e Planejamento (CEBRAP), Sao Paolo and by Centre Michel de L'Hospital, Université d'Auvergne, Clermond-Ferrand, from September 3 to September 6, 2009 in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Claudia Strauss (English) presented "Adaptation and Transformations," a full-day pre-conference learning institute, at the ADCPA (Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach) annual conference in June, 2009. It encompassed a seminar ("Talking to Alzheimer's) and a workshop ("Adult to Adult: Partners in Participation, Partners in Flow). In addition, she was interviewed by Associated Press reporter Melissa Rayworth on the issue of invisible fathers (it hit the wires the first week of July) and by KXYL Radio (Brownwood, Texas) on handling post-holiday stress (June 23). She also welcomed a new publication into the world: "The Ins and Outs of E-mail"--a section in Marian Wolbers' new textbook, *Uncovering Fashion: Communications across the media* (Fairchild, 2009).

Kennon Rice (Sociology), **Lawrence Morris** (English), and **Dave Osgood** (Biology) have just had an article accepted for publication in the CUR Quarterly Winter Issue entitled, "How do you effectively manage an interdisciplinary research program?" It is based heavily on the ACRE

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program and has been made possible by the input of many individuals including Kim Justeson, Frieda Texter, Dave Ballaban, Andrea Chapdelaine, Joe Thomas, Teresa Gilliams, and Kristen Woodward.

Dr. Joseph S. Yarworth (Education) served as a presenter for the Pennsylvania School Boards (PSBA) program “The Superintendent: A Catalyst for Organizational Excellence” in Reading, Doylestown, and Lancaster during October 2009. He also served as a member of the team which designed the workshop for PSBA.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Dean's Seminar: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the South Lounge. Topic: The Sloan Grant for Faculty Career Flexibility. Members of the Professional Council and the Provost will provide an overview of the award and what it means to the faculty, followed by a Q and A session and dinner. Please RSVP to Angela Fonte no later than this Friday, October 9, 2009.

Penn State Berks: International Symposium, Friday, October 16, 2009, 1:00-2:30pm

Perkins Student Center Auditorium. Speaker and Topics include:

Dr. Randall Fegley—Child Soldiers

Dr. Ada Leung—Differences in Perceived Material Well-being in Hong Kong, China & the US

Dr. Randall Newnham—European Education and Healthcare

Dr. Geoffrey Schad—Contemporary Issues Facing Women and the Family in the Middle East

Dr. Kirk Shaffer—Latin America

Request from Guillaume de Syon

Hear ye, hear ye! Time to think of a colleague whom you consider meritorious! Let's set aside our customary grumps (yes, I believe my case to be generalized) and think for a few minutes about which faculty members are distinguishing themselves in the classroom and in the research realm. Every year, we have a total of five prizes (yes, 5!), three for teaching and two for scholarly involvement to bestow. We have had the good fortune in recent years of identifying particularly meritorious people, but the committee members and I cannot do it without your input. We have gotten valuable feedback from current students and alumni, yet many of you who observe, co-teach or discuss classes with colleagues have surely witnessed good teaching, no? So when convenient, please consider submitting somebody's name and the reasons for nominating him or her. We do not need an exhaustive letter, just a general pointer. Nominees will be contacted at the beginning of the spring semester and asked to share a statement and supporting material, and winners will be announced at graduation. Thanks.

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Concentration Fair

Please mark your calendar for the Concentration Fair sponsored by the Career Development Center and the Alpha program: Tuesday, October 27th from 11:30 until 2:30 in the Campus Center Main Lounge. The intent is to showcase the programs that your department offers and to engage students, especially undecided students, on the interesting and valuable work your concentrators and co-concentrators do. We are hoping that you can arrange for one or more faculty representatives during this time, and also recruit an upper-class student to be available to talk to interested students - which should benefit both students who have questions and the students you mentor. Please direct any questions or comments about the event to Karen Evans. *Please RSVP to Karen Evans by October 15 (kevans@alb.edu).*

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

- The ALC has received 234 requests for individual tutors the first 3 weeks of classes (modern foreign language and Math receiving the highest number). 80 tutors have been hired to provide individual, group, or walk-in tutoring in various subjects. The ALC has been working with 29 students placed on academic probation. We are providing services to approximately 100 students with disabilities.
- The ALC is collaborating with the Writing Center to offer tutor training, a first step toward national tutor certification for individual tutors and the tutoring programs. The ALC has also created a Tutor Training Manual and a Blackboard site, which includes handouts, reflections, discussion boards, and training tracking system for tutors.
- The ALC is beginning a project of creating closer collaboration between academic departments and tutoring, first involving foreign language faculty and tutors. Using workshops, joint faculty-student tutoring sessions, and discipline-specific training materials, the primary goals are to provide better mentoring to foreign language tutors and improve the delivery of disability-related accommodations.
- Four academic skills workshops have been offered so far, in partnership with other departments: note-taking (17 students); library skills (1); time management (55); and foreign language a success (50). This is already a noteworthy improvement from the 2008-2009 academic year.
- The ALC has significantly enhanced its ability to serve students with print-related disabilities. To date, 6 students have requested their textbooks in an electronic format, compared to one all of last year; 50 book requests have been submitted directly to publishers to acquire digital files. The ALC scans the print book to create an electronic file if necessary. The library has been instrumental in assisting with this process.
- The ALC is sponsoring two upcoming professional development workshops for faculty and staff: (1) University Policies and Students with Chronic Illness, Oct. 15 and (2) Avoiding Accessibility Complaints and Litigation, Nov. 12. Both are 3-4:30pm in the Campus Center Classroom; RSVP to Erin Evans.
- The ALC Director attended a 2-day Middle States workshop on assessment and in October will attend the annual meeting of the College Reading and Learning Association, which certifies tutors and tutoring programs.

Writing Center (Rachel Liberatore, Director)

- The Writing Center is operating under the expanded hours begun last spring (open 29/hours a week) and currently employs 11 Writing Tutors. For the first month of classes, the Writing Center has held 130 tutoring sessions. The Writing Center is implementing an online scheduling program to allow for appointments and streamline data collection and will pilot use of this program in the beginning of October.

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- As indicated above, the WC and ALC have begun collaborating on more formalized tutor training with the goal of applying for national certification. April Fitzpatrick and Rachel Liberatore offered a two-hour session for approximately 70 tutors on Sept. 14.
- As part of the ALC/Writing Center evening workshops for the campus community, Rachel Liberatore led a September workshop on “Plagiarism: What is it and how can I avoid it?” and November 10 offers a workshop on “Revising Papers.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Freedman Gallery

Robin Mandel: Relative Strangers – through Oct. 23 - FREE

As Duchamp has drummed into the minds of many an art student and viewer, context can change just about anything. With the exhibition *Relative Strangers*, the Freedman Gallery and Albright College strive to raise some questions, perhaps offer some answers, which address the nature of sculpture and the ways we view ourselves in a contemporary world. We invite you as an audience, a viewer, and a participant, to explore the works of Robin Mandel and determine for yourselves its place in your lives and the world of art.

The Music Department

Choral Choir – Pops Concert – Saturday October 10 at 7:30pm in Memorial Chapel

Popular favorites from yesterday and today are sung by the Albright Angels, Mane Men, Woman's Chorale, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir.

Salsamba – Friday October 23 at 8pm in Memorial Chapel. Produced with the Stars Series

This Latin jazz quintet brings a little taste of the tropics to Reading with their provocative blend of traditional American jazz with the spicy rhythms of Cuba, Brazil, & the Caribbean.

Career Development Center

Upcoming Events hosted/co-hosted by the Career Development Center:

- Graduate and Professional School Day, Wednesday, October 7th in the Main Lounge. 34 graduate and professional schools registered.
- Global Poverty in the 21st Century, Monday, October 12th, 4:00 pm in the Campus Center, West Lounge, in collaboration with Political Science. Panelists will explore issues, discuss career and volunteer opportunities. [Experience Event]
- Concentration Fair, October 27th, 11:30 to 2:30 in the Main Lounge. Faculty members and upper class students will be available to talk to Alpha students about concentrations and programs.
- What Can I Do With a Concentration in Music Business co-sponsored with MEISA and the music business faculty will be held on October 14th at 6:30 in the South Lounge.

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- What Can I Do With a Concentration in Marketing, in collaboration with the marketing faculty, will be held on October 27th at 6:30 pm in the South Lounge.
- Luncheon and Networking with the Board of Trustees. This is open to 40 students (registration is required-have students contact the Career Development Center). Prior to the event students will be prepped on their “elevator speech” and asking professionals for advice.

Please continue to refer your students to the Center for help in choosing a concentration, exploring careers, writing resumes, interviewing techniques, internships, etc.

If you are going to a conference, don't cancel class, we can come in and conduct a targeted career session based on your discipline/class. Just email kevans@alb.edu or call the Center at extension 7630.

DECEMBER 2009 GRADUATING SENIORS

NAME	DEGREE
Kevin Ernest Ayala	AB
Ryan D. Bausch	AB
Gabrielle Linnette Braxton	AB
Daniel Carey	BS
Soma Chatterji	BS
Kuan-Jung Chen	BS
Lauren M. Conner	AB
Jennifer L. DuPrau	AB
Brooke A. Erbele	AB
Jay Levy Feitshans	BS
John Martinez Ferrara	AB
George R. Fisher	AB
Kelsey E. Frankowski	AB
Kirstyn Jordan Garneau	AB
Bruce C. Gipson	AB
Larissa R. Gonder	AB
Kristen Greenly	AB
Chelsey B. Gross	AB
Stephanie E. Harper	BS
Kevin Harrington	AB

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Ashley E. Hesser	AB
Amy E. Hoelscher	AB
Ryan Alan Hopple	BS
Carlens G. Joseph	AB
Michael R. Keen	AB
Ehrin C. Kelley	AB
Thomas J. Kennedy	AB
Ashley R. Knoch	AB
Theodore F. Lieberman	BS
Shane P. Long	AB
Sherwin Lui	AB
Ashlee Diane McDaniel	AB
Brittany J. Miller	AB
Shannon J. Miller	BS
James E. Montone	BS
Adrie Trenai Neal	BS
Andrea W. Oppong	BS
Jeffrey D. Oriente	BS
Marie Rieth	BS
April S. Riggs	BS
Caroline A. Rudloff	BS
Heather E. Shaw	BS
Marc C. Simmons	AB
Caitlyn A. Smarker	AB
Rebekah J. Smay	AB
Tamra L. Smeltz	AB
Erika Soriano	AB
Clint A. Stalnecker	BS
Nicholas Antonio Tramonti Bonet	AB
Anh N. Vu	BS
Maxwell H. Wagonheim	AB
Ashley Lynne Wealand	BS
Andrew Sung-Hwan Yang	AB
Christina L. Yatron	AB

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<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Kathleen	Allebach	Blue Bell	Applied Psychology	BS
Carol	Beadencup	Reading	Accounting	BS
Tiffany	Benn-Heil	Harrisburg	Accounting	BS
Teresa	Brady-Hind	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Erika	Campbell	Lancaster	Business Administration	BS
Mandy	Cluck	Harrisburg	Applied Psychology	BS
Sharon	Cox	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Elizabeth	Creswell	Harrisburg	Business Administration	BS
Cheyleen	Cruz	Bethlehem	Crime & Justice	BS
Julie	Cullings	Harrisburg	Business Administration	BS
Richard	Ehrhardt	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Susan	Eller	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Elizabeth	Every	Bethlehem	Crime & Justice	BS
Oliver	Feakins	Lancaster	Business Administration	BS
Tiffany	Hooks	Blue Bell	Applied Psychology	BS
Brenda	Hoyt	Lancaster	Business Administration	BS
Susan	Jarrell	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Cynthia	Kendrick	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Lynn	Kitson	Blue Bell	Applied Psychology	BS
Barbara	MacPherson	Harrisburg	Business Administration	BS
Karen	McLellan	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Susan	Monroe	Reading	Accounting	BS
Michelle	Neuman	Reading	Accounting	BS
Stefanie	O'Brien	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Jennifer	Pascuzzi	Reading	Accounting	BS
Robin	Pavlick	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Elaine	Rebman	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Raymond	Reifsnyder III	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Jamie	Schearer	Reading	Accounting	BS
Joel	Schmidt	Exton	Information Sytems	BS
Trisha	Schweikert	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Jason	Seward	Blue Bell	Accounting	BS
Mary	Shuffelbottom	Harrisburg	Business Administration	BS
Suzanne	Steppie	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Christopher	Strunk	Reading	Business Administration	BS
Cathy	Trissel	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Ryan	Vaszily	Reading	Information Sytems	BS

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Gregory	Walborn	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Donna	Welsh	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Kevin	Wiley	Bethlehem	Business Administration	BS
Yasmin	Williams	Blue Bell	Applied Psychology	BS
Audra	Wood	Lancaster	Applied Psychology	BS
Derek	Youndt	Lancaster	Business Administration	BS

Enrollment Management (Greg Eichhorn, Vice President & Dean of Admission)

Admission (Chris Boehm, Director):

The admission office is in the midst of fall travel, visiting high schools and attending college fairs from Virginia to Massachusetts. Applications reading and decisions will begin October 1 and will continue throughout the year. We will begin reporting on application numbers at the next Cabinet meeting.

Upcoming Campus Programs:

- Fall Open House, October 24th
- PACAC Berks County College Fair at Albright, October 26th
- Design, Visual & Performing Arts Day, November 6th
- Fall Open House, November 14th
- Education Day, November 30th
- Pennsylvania Liberal Arts College Tour for guidance counselors at Albright, November 12th

Thank you in advance to everyone in the Albright community that will assist with these programs.

Athletics (Rick Ferry and Janice Luck, Directors):

Website:

Registration to receive score updates via text messaging is available through the new website. The mobile updates link on the left side of the athletics home page will provide step by step instructions on how to register.

Fall Sports (as of 9/29):

Men's Soccer: 4-4-2

Women's Soccer: 2-5-1

Field Hockey: 4-5

Women's Tennis: 2-3

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Cross Country: Competed in 3 meets so far, with a best finish of 2nd place at Kutztown.

Golf: Won the LVC Invitational and the Yocum Cup vs. Alvernia.

Football: 3-0

Red and White Golf Outing:

The Red and White Golf Outing, sponsored by IMC Construction, was held on October 2nd.

Hall of Fame:

Three new members were inducted into the Albright College Athletics Hall of Fame on October 2nd.

Rebecca Batdorf Stone '85 – Track and Field, Women's Basketball

Rachel Connolly-McGuckin '00 – Women's Basketball, Field Hockey

Dwight Davis '97 – Men's Basketball

Christopher Rickards '98- Baseball, Football

Financial Aid (Mary Ellen Duffy, Director):

The Financial Aid Office staff is busy working with students who still have financial aid documents outstanding for this year and with preparing awards for DSP and DCP students.

The PA State budget impasse is continuing to affect Albright students who are eligible for funds from the PA State Grant program. We normally receive PA Grant funds for our students around the beginning of the fall semester and apply the PA State Grant funds to their student accounts. Since there still is not a final PA State budget, we have not received funding for PA State Grant recipients yet. It is expected that funding will occur a month after the budget is finalized. Letters are being prepared to send to traditional students updating them on the situation and advising them that we will continue not to penalize them for the unpaid portion of their bills expected to be covered by the PA State Grant.

Please continue to let us know if you encounter a student concerned about her/his ability to continue their enrollment for financial reasons.

Retention (Greg Eichhorn, VP of Enrollment Management & Dean of Admission):

Modest improvements were realized with freshmen attrition. Our Freshmen to Sophomore retention rates improved from 72.84% to 73.08%. The two returning upper classes experienced higher rates of attrition than last year. Sophomore to Junior retention fell from 78.65% to 77.46% and Junior to Senior retention declined from 93.98% to 90.48%. Thus, our overall retention fell to 78.97% from 80.4% a year ago. The largest factors appear to be financial and international students continuing the trend of moving on to larger universities. Information and data continues to be analyzed in order to better predict retention and the factors that contribute.

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Retention Task Force:

The Retention Task Force Alert Group has processed over 60 cases this semester to date. That number grows daily, as use of the student alert form increases. If you notice a student in need of a helping hand or an ear to listen, please submit a student alert form.

The Institutional Research and Policy Group is completing some revisions to a revised withdrawal policy and withdrawal form before implementation. A FAQ sheet for students on “Things to consider before you withdraw...” is drafted and being reviewed by committee members. The procedure for withdrawals has changed and all students who wish to withdraw from the college should be sent to the Dean of Students’ office.