NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Hilary Aquino (History) was the invited seminar speaker at The Barbara Bates Center for The Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. Her talk on “Leona Baumgartner: Crusader for the Public’s Health – How the First Female Health Commissioner Transformed the Health of New Yorkers” was held on November 30, 2011.

Jon Bekken (Communication) has had two papers accepted for presentation at the North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference being held in January in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He has recently reviewed manuscripts for the American Journal of Economics and Sociology, American Journalism, and Journalism History. His review of A Moment of Danger: Critical Studies in the History of U.S. Communication Since World War II will appear in the next issue of Journalism History.

Craig Czury (English) was named Laureate and Honorary Member of the largest Albanian celebration of poetry in the world, the XV “Days of Naim” International Poetry Festival in Tetovë, Macedonia. Known as “Ditët E Naimit,” the festival is named for the Albanian national poet, Naim Frashirii. http://diogen.weebly.com/xv-edition-of-the-international-poetry-festival-diteumlt-e-naimit-2010-23102011.html

Richard Hamwi (Art) is currently having an exhibition of his work titled “Journey” in the Freedman Art Gallery. The drawings, collages and watercolor paintings in the exhibit reunites Dr. Hamwi’s early work done in preparation for his dissertation with the most recent work completed during his sabbatical in the fall of 2010 and the summer of 2011. The exhibit continues from December 1, 2011, to January 8, 2012. Prior to the opening reception Dr. Hamwi moderated a panel discussion on the subject of the relationship between the arts and the sciences. The panel members included Dr. Julia Matthews, Professor Kristen Woodward, Dr. Richard Androne, Dr. Brian Buerke, Dr. Richard Heller and Professor Thomas Watcke.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) attended the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in November where she presented on violence in the book of Jeremiah. She also wrote the essay on the Epistle to Titus for the Jewish Annotated New Testament (Oxford University Press, 2011), which came out in November.

Irene Langran (Political Science) delivered a paper, "Global Citizenship, Governance, and Identity" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 17-19.

Kate Lehman (English/Communications) presented her paper "Fragmented Femininity: Postfeminism, Motherhood and Multiple Personalities on Prime-Time Television" at the Midatlantic Popular and American Culture Association conference in Philadelphia in early November. She recently wrote a commentary on women's roles in the new television season for the web magazine Zocalo Public Square (http://zocalopublicsquare.org/thepublicsquare/2011/10/17/mad-men-look-
back-on-playboy-and-pan-am/read/nexus/). Additionally, her book was featured on Psychology Today's "Living Single" blog in November.

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Winter 2011 Commencement: Will be held Saturday, December 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Approximately 110 students from the traditional, adult and graduate programs will be graduating. All are welcome! (NOTE: In case of inclement weather, commencement will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2010, same time, same place.)

The next Dean’s Seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in the Campus Center South Lounge from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Sloan committee will be revisiting the teaching component of the workload conversation that the faculty began at the retreat in August 2011. Please attend to see the changes that have been made based on your discussions and feedback and to contribute to the conversation further. Dinner will immediately follow. Please RSVP to sroy@alb.edu no later than January 24, 2012.

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:

December 8, 2011 – 12:30 – 1:30 (Please note time change): How to Teach “Deep” Reading

Facilitator: Joe Thomas

Other upcoming Brown Bags:

February 7, 2012 – Topic: A Better Integration of Research-Based Work in Courses and Disseminating Student Research Projects and Active Learning Classroom Exercises

March 7, 2012 – Topic: Active Learning

April 5, 2012 – Topic: Grand Opening of the Virtual Center for Teaching and Learning

May 8, 2012 – Topic: Favorite Assignment

The last Soup Social will be held in the Faculty Club on December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library

Database Updates: The new year will bring some changes to the library’s databases and website. Please note the following:

- H.W. Wilson, the database provider for Wilsonweb, has been purchased by Ebsco. As of January 1, the Wilsonweb databases will migrate to the Ebscohost interface. Ebscohost is the
provider for some of our more popular subject specific databases such as PsycINFO/PsycARTICLES, MLA Bibliography, SOCIndexFT, Biological Abstracts and ATLA so many students are already familiar with the look and feel of Ebscohost. However, Wilsonweb is a very popular database, particularly with First Year students who have not had the opportunity or the need to use the subject databases. Please help us to spread the word to students about this change.

- ProQuest is migrating all of its customers to their new ProQuest interface on December 21. Students and faculty connecting to articles in ProQuest from the Journal Locator have had the choice of selecting the new interface or the ProQuest legacy platform. The company will be moving all ProQuest traffic to the new interface so the legacy option will disappear.

**Website Upgrade:** While it may be a challenge to adapt to the new interfaces, the good news is that all the databases currently available will still be accessible and there will be fewer search procedures and techniques to remember.

- The library’s website is getting a new look. In an effort to make it easier for users to locate the best resources to use for specific disciplines, the library wiki is moving to a product called LibGuides. This move will enable the librarians to update pages more quickly and to focus on the creation of course specific pages. All of the information from the old wiki will be transferred and library staff are excited to introduce the new look. The new website is both mobile friendly and more ADA accessible.

As you know, librarians are always ready to help you with research and instruction needs. If any of you feel that you or your students would benefit by a formal presentation on the new interfaces, please feel free to contact your liaison librarian.

**Media Services Update:** Remember that all Media Services equipment and services will be moving to ITS by January 3, 2012. Be sure to coordinate with the ITS department on any special Interim or Spring semester needs by contacting av@alb.edu.