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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arcana Albright (Modern Foreign Languages) presented a paper entitled "Glorious Bastard? Law, Order, and Ethics in Maupassant's *Pierre et Jean*" at the annual Nineteenth-Century French Studies Conference, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University.

Barbara Fahy (History) attended the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in Fort Worth from October 27th-October 30th and presented a paper entitled: "Imagines Exploratae: A Jesuit textual reading of Christ's Passion and Mary from the Ceiling Paintings at the Church in Antwerp".

Soma Ghosh (Economics) will present her paper titled "Green Power Communities: The Role of Renewable Energy in Local Climate Mitigation Policies" at the Northeast Business & Economics Association Conference in Philadelphia, November 3-5, 2011. This paper has been accepted for publication in the 2011 NBEA Conference Proceedings.

Brian Jennings (Sociology) had an article entitled "Bonded to Whom? Social Interactions in a High-Amenity Rural Setting" published in the *Journal of Community Development*.

Karen Jogan (Modern Foreign Languages) presented a paper at the annual conference of the Asociación Nacional Universitaria de Profesores de Inglés (ANUPI), "Linguistics: Connecting Research to EFL Teacher Preparation." The conference was held in October in Los Cabos Mexico. Karen also recently was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Peruvian Ministry of Education for her work as an organizer of the XIX annual conference of Peru TESOL held in Lima last August.

Fouad Kalouche (Philosophy) presented a paper entitled "The (Im)Possible Revolutions of the Arab Spring: Demanding Justice, Accepting Freedom" at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, in Philadelphia, on October 22, 2011.

Betsy Kiddy (History) had two book reviews come out last summer: Review of Walter Hawthorne, *From Africa to Brazil: Culture, Identity, and an Atlantic Slave Trade, 1600-1830* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), in *The Americas* 68:1 (July 2011), 122-23 and Review of Júnia Ferreira Furtado, *Chica da Silva: A Brazilian Slave of the Eighteenth Century* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008), in the *Luso-Brazilian Review*, 48 (June 2011): 175-178. She also presented a conference paper titled "The São Francisco River: State Interventions and National Identity" at the 7th Biennial Conference of the International Water History Association, Kruger National Park, South Africa, 5-7 July 2011.

Steve Mech (Biology) attended IACUC 101 and Walk on the Wild Side conference regarding animal care and use in research in Albuquerque, NM.

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Lawrence Morris (English) presented “An Dátheangachas Teaghlaigh: Staidéar ar Chás Áirithe” at the Conference “An 20 Bliain atá Romhainn” at the University of Ottawa’s Institut des langues officielles et du bilinguisme. The paper examined early English – Gaelic bilingualism and discussed methods and resources needed for maintaining and promoting bilingualism in geographically isolated minority languages. The conference itself focused on the current state of Irish in America and its future for the next 20 years.

Lindsay Phillips’ (Psychology) article "Qualitative student responses to service learning with veterans who are homeless" was published in *Partnerships: A Journal of Service-Learning & Civic Engagement*.

Jerry Tartaglia (English) will premiere his live film performance piece entitled, THE PROJECTIONIST on opening night of the MIX NYC Festival on November 15th. Details at www.jerry501.com

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost will be attending the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement from November 3- November 4 in Chicago, IL and the CIC CAO conference in St. Petersburg, FL from November 4-November 8, 2011.

Upcoming Events:

The next **Dean's Seminar** will be held Thursday, November 10, 2011 in the Campus Center South Lounge from 4pm – 6pm. We will continue the conversation on faculty service that we began at the Faculty Retreat in August. Watch your email for reading materials and join us for candid conversation and to hear the latest revisions to service ideas based on the feedback you provided. A holiday-style dinner will be served following the seminar. Please RSVP to sroy@alb.edu no later than Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

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:

November 15, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00: Using Arts Events within Curriculum and for Skills

Facilitators: David Tanner and Beth Krumholz – **This Brown Bag will be held in the Freedman Gallery**

Other upcoming Brown Bags:

December 8, 2011 – Topic: How to Teach “Deep” Reading.

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

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May 8, 2012 – Topic: Favorite Assignment

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

November 9 – 12:00 – 2:00

November 22 – 11:30 – 1:30

December 7 – 11:00 – 2:00

Human rights activist **John Prendergast** will be visiting Albright from November 28-30. As many of you will recall, John was Albright's 2010 commencement speaker. This is a unique and wonderful opportunity for our community to hear from this truly impressive speaker and human being. More information can be found at: <http://www.enoughproject.org/content/john-prendergast-co-founder>. If you are interested in having Mr. Prendergast speak in your class, contact Irene Langran.

An HECBC Faculty Panel Discussion on The Digital Agora: Debate in the Age of Facebook will be held on November 14, 2011 at Reading Area Community College's Schmidt Training and Technology Center. Our own Dr. Jon Bekken will be a participant. Please encourage your students to attend. If there is interest in having members of your class attend, transportation can be arranged.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Erin Evans will return to the ALC on October 31, although she has already been on campus and involved in some operations. The ALC again offers its thanks to Arcana Albright, Denise Greenwood, Ethan Joella, Rachel Liberatore, Devon Mason, and Suzanne Palmer for sharing their time supporting ALC students in Erin's absence.
- National Tutor Appreciation Week will be celebrated at Albright November 7th-11th to recognize the academic leadership of these students, featuring three events: an awards banquet for tutors who have earned certification on Monday, November 7th (invitations will be sent out via email and campus mail); a game night and ice cream social for all students, staff and faculty on Thursday, November 10th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Campus Center Main Lounge; and throughout the week a thank-you-card table in front of the cafeteria for any student to stop by and write a thank you card (provided by the ALC) to their tutor (11:30 am -1:30 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm).
- Tutoring demand has continued to climb and has presented challenges; tutor requests so far this semester are almost at 500, more than in any past *full* semester. Recruitment for spring 2012 tutors will begin after Thanksgiving. 24 students have had a tutor request unfilled due to being at capacity; the ALC has started study groups in Physics and Psychology to help alleviate this need. The top 5 departments in tutor requests at this time are:

Spanish	115	Math	59	Chemistry	50	Biology	41	Psychology	41
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- Disability Service Requests: 42 incoming freshmen have contacted the ALC regarding services for disabilities and/or medical conditions, a sharp uptick from the fall 2010 semester.

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- **Academic Probation:** Currently 23 students are on academic probation and subject to the probation recovery program. Professor Denise Greenwood has been meeting with our probation students on a one-on-one basis. *The ALC is delighted to announce that Prof. Greenwood will take over the probation program on a continuing basis effective January 2012, while retaining her faculty appointment.*

Writing Center (Rachel Liberatore, Coordinator)

- **Statistics:** In the first nine weeks of the fall semester, the center held 553 sessions with 222 different students. Breakdown of sessions by class rank included 101 (18%) with ADP students, 192 (35%) with first-years, 138 (25%) with sophomores, 72 (13%) with juniors, 39 (7%) with seniors, 3 with staff or faculty, 1 with a graduate student and 4 uncategorized. By language usage, 266 (48%) sessions were with students indicating English as a first language, 203 (37%) with students indicating another home language, and 63 (11%) unknown or not indicating.
- **Class Visits:** We have also held 14 promotional class visits to English, SPI and FYS classes and “guest taught” about writing-related topics for three classes in the English and Fashion departments. We met with the former Summer Start students to encourage usage.
- **Tutor Trainings:** Tutor trainings and meetings have focused on the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) tutoring certification topics of basic tutoring guidelines and techniques, successfully beginning and ending a session, fair use of research sources and avoiding plagiarism, and effective communication skills/ active listening. Professor Katherine Lehman also led a workshop with Writing Center tutors on communications and journalism writing.
- **New Website:** Please visit our updated website that includes tutor biographies, photos, peer-tutoring employment information, and FAQs for both students and faculty/staff.
- **Workshop:** Our workshop on “Creative Approaches to Editing Your Work” held on Tuesday, November 1st, had 22 student attendees! Thank you to all who helped promote this workshop.
- **Tutor Appreciation Week:** We are collaborating with the Academic Learning Center (ALC) to co-host Tutor Appreciation Week. Please stop by our table outside the dining hall the week of November 7-11th during lunch (11:30am-1:30pm) and dinner (5:00-7:00pm) to sign thank-you cards for tutors. All college community members are also invited to our ice-cream social and game night on Thursday, November 10th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Campus Center Main Lounge.

Library

- **Change in Contact Information:** Anyone with instructional support or programming questions that would have gone to Rob LeBlanc should send those questions and comments to Rosemary Deegan (reddeegan@alb.edu). As of October 31, Rob moved to Villanova University to become their First Year Experience Librarian

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Library Events in November:

- *May Day Exhibit* - Stop by the Library and see the special Albright College May Day tribute display that was created entirely by Archives and Special Collection student intern Jennifer Snyder. Come view the display of artifacts and nostalgic video footage and to honor the beautiful ladies who participated between 1933 and 1962 in this esteemed tradition. This display will be available until Nov 9.

Facul-TEA presentations in the Library Group Study Rooms A & B

- *Prof. Marian Wolbers*, Monday November 14th, 4-5 pm - "The Japan Diaries: A Memoir." Professor Wolbers will discuss the result of a professional development summer scholarship grant from Albright.
 - *Prof. Guillaume de Syon*, Thursday December 1st, 4-5 pm - "How Full Was the Boat? Examining Refugee Border Crossings into Switzerland, 1940-1945." In August 1942 at the height of the Holocaust, Swiss authorities declared "the boat is full" and closed their borders to all refugees. However, federal policy was not applied consistently as records from the Geneva state archives show. In fact, examining the police records held there shows a picture far more complex about the reasons some refugees were let in and others were returned to German-occupied France. Professor de Syon will examine the implications of this policy in his post sabbatical presentation.
- **Final Exam Reminder** that the library will be asking faculty to assist with volunteering time for review sessions and with donating home baked goodies for the Review that is occurring on Friday, December 9th, Friday. This event has been successful in the past because of the strong faculty support the Library has received.

December 2011 Graduates

ADP Students			Traditional Day Students		
Caleb	Assemes	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

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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
Debbie	Myers	BS	Alyshia	Wassel	BS
Bobby Jo	North	BS			
Christine	Pecorello	BS		Graduate Students	
Abby	Porter	BS	Hilary	Baker	MS
Santaisha	Price	BS	Brett	Gaul	MS
Hema	Rana	BS	Shanalyn	Sweigart	MS
Brian	Rathgeb	BS			
Christine	Reinhardt	BS			
Amariles	Rivera	BS			
Wendy	Roberts	BS			
Nathaniel	Rodriguez	BS			
William	Shebby	BS			
Evan	Siegel	BS			
Janet	Smilowski	BS			
Robertta	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			

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