

PROVOST'S BULLETIN

Vol. XXXIX – Bulletin #6

March 2008

NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Rebecca Butler (Music) will perform a concert with Christopher Collins Lee at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing on Sunday, April 13.

Guillaume de Syon (History) gave an invited paper on the theme of comic books and space exploration at a conference entitled "Imagining Outer Space, 1900-2000," held at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of University of Bielefeld, Germany, on February 8.

A manuscript written by **Sally Farley** (Psychology) entitled "Attaining status at the expense of likeability: Pilfering power through conversational interruption" was recently accepted for publication in the *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*. In addition, Dr. Farley is presenting a poster at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference this month with coauthor Jason W. Hart (Christopher Newport University) entitled, "Did you hear that?: How we perceive women who gossip."

Marsha Green (Psychology) has been invited to be a Virtual Scholar by Montgomery Community College. Her presentation "How to Create Change: Protecting Marine Life from Harmful Underwater Noise" will be sent out simultaneously to 8 different institutions and be archived on the web. The judge in her lawsuit to protect marine mammals around Hawaii from high intensity sonar exercises ruled on February 29, 2008 that the navy has to use additional protective measures when doing sonar exercises and found that the navy violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

John Incledon (Modern Foreign Language) presented a paper, entitled "Gabriel García Márquez and the Palestinian Cause: The Suez Crisis in *El coronel no tiene quien le escriba*," at the 29th annual conference of the Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County on March 7-8.

In January, **Karen Jogan** (Modern Foreign Language) received a grant from the Chilean Ministry of Education to support conference participation and curriculum development at the Universidad Arturo Prat in Iquique Chile. She was the plenary speaker at the XVI Congress of SONAPLES (Sociedad Nacional de Profesores de Lenguas Extranjeras en la Enseñanza Superior), the Chilean national organization for university professors of foreign languages. Her plenary address was "Paradigm Shift: Technology, Text, and the Millennium Generation." She also collaborated in the design of the assessment plan for a revised curriculum for the university English Department.

Julia Matthews (Theatre) performed in Bach's St John Passion with New Trinity Baroque in Atlanta on March 3 - 4, 2008.

PROVOST'S BULLETIN

Vol. XXXXIX – Bulletin #6

March 2008

Lindsay Phillips (Psychology, ADP) has two poster presentations at Eastern Psychological Association in Boston, MA on March 14, 2008. One is Lindsay's research and the other is with the DCP Psychology Lancaster 5 cohort. They are entitled: A Field Experiment of Door Holding Behaviors Based on Gender and Reciprocity – Roberta Capoferri, Melinda Campbell, Gloria Morales, Teresa Allen, Rachel Bottomstone, Eunice Camargo-Ground, Matthew Geyer, Jessica Hinrichs, Wesley Holsinger, Kimberly Myer, John LaFayette and Lindsay Phillips; and Substance Abuse and Prison Recidivism: Themes from Qualitative Interviews – Lindsay A. Phillips.

Kennon Rice (Sociology) worked with representatives from PSU and KU as well as Albright students Kelly Cross, John Dietrich, and Brett Lehman. The team completed work on a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in connection with the Route-222 Corridor Gang Prevention Initiative. The team completed a survey of approximately 3,500 students in the Reading Public School system from grades 2-10, a second survey of the directors of social service agencies in the city providing services to at-risk youth, and a literature review of evaluation research on gang prevention services. The results of these efforts were summarized in a 100+ page report submitted to Mayor McMahon's gang prevention steering committee. Findings include data on the number of at risk youth, the adequacy of local services, and the extent of gang activity in the city. Separate presentations were made last month to the steering committee and to representatives of the Reading School District. Additional analyses of the data are being conducted before an official press release of results.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Winter Board meeting, the Board passed the following motion with regard to faculty salaries:

MOTION: The Board of Trustees supports the College's commitment to improving faculty salaries through a multi-year strategy. Utilizing the Council of Independent College's benchmark data for the Mideast region, the College will strive to achieve salaries exceeding the 50th percentile in all ranks. The college will make every effort to improve salaries on an annual basis, subject to other strategic and high priority financial commitments and constraints.

2006-2007 CIC Data:

	Albright	CIC 50 th Percentile
Professor	74,748	76,470
Associate	61,646	61,650
Assistant	49,814	51,575
Instructor	43,438	Comparison Data not Available

PROVOST'S BULLETIN

Vol. XXXIX – Bulletin #6

March 2008

Academic Affairs Van – please remember that the Academic Affairs Van is available for faculty to transport students for educational purposes. A drive can be provided at the faculty member's request. Information can be found on the Academic Affairs web page or by contacting Angela Fonte.

Administrative Search Update – Effective March 31, 2008, **April Fitzpatrick** will be the **Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and the Director of the Academic Learning Center**. April joins Albright from the University of Delaware, where she most recently was the Academic and Admissions Advisor for the Graduate Program in Education, previously serving as the academic advisor in the undergraduate program in education for six years. She also served as an academic advisor for at-risk students at Hofstra University. April received a BS in Physical Education and a MS in Counselor Education at Hofstra and is currently completing her D Ed. in Educational Leadership at University of Delaware.

Faculty Searches Update:

The following faculty searches have been completed to date:

Accounting, DCP: **Professor Richard Chamberlain**

Economics and Business, Dearden Chair in International Business: **Dr. Taylor McNamee**

Psychology, DCP: **Dr. Bonnie Rosenblatt**

Albright Graduate Division Forum - "Living With the New No Child Left Behind"

The Graduate Division at Albright College is hosting its third annual lecture/panel event "Living With the New No Child Left Behind" on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Panelists will explore both sides of this controversial law and how its requirements impact the students and teachers in the classroom. The event is free and open to the public and will count as an experience event for the students.

Gingrich Library – 2008 Education Technology Workshop

On March 17, 2008, the Library is offering the following workshops: Using ARTStor, Google Tips and Tricks, Microsoft Word Tips and Tricks, Know Your Copy Rights, Microsoft Excel Tips and Tricks, Classroom "Clickers" and Turnitin. Keynote Speaker Jean Claude Bradley, Coordinator for E-Learning at the College of Arts and Sciences at Drexel University will discuss ways of using technology to convey subject matter to students. The sessions are free and open to all faculty, administrators and staff members. Registration is required by March 12, 2008 at noon. The online registration form is available at http://linux1.albright.edu/index.php?lib=forms_edtwr.

The **9th Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference**, sponsored by the Higher Education Council of Berks County, will be hosted by Kutztown University on April 26. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to present their scholarly accomplishments in the form of: paper presentations, poster displays, films, art exhibitions and performances. Please encourage our top students to showcase their hard work! Faculty will be needed to serve as sponsors for students' presentations. Work with your students to register and

PROVOST'S BULLETIN

Vol. XXXIX – Bulletin #6

March 2008

present at this event www.kutztown.edu/hecbc. Be aware the deadline to register is **FRIDAY MARCH 21**, which is during Albright's spring break so don't delay.

*As of 3/5 there were NO Albright students registered for the conference.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Another St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on Friday, March 14, in the Faculty Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30. Please join in the celebration sponsored by the Provost, Dr. Andrea McChapdelaine. Please RSVP your attendance to Sue Snyder, x7643, or ssnyder@alb.edu.

Hold the Date for an April 8th Dean's Seminar

You're invited to attend a Dean's Seminar on The First Year Seminar. It will take place on April 8, 2008, in the Campus Center South Lounge, starting at 4:30 p.m. with a dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. Please send your RSVP by April 1, 2008, to Sue Snyder, x7643, or ssnyder@alb.edu.

DPE to Require Certification Changes

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is instituting changes to certification rules that will impact Albright's approach to Education curricula. All certifications will be affected, though some more than others. A sub-committee of the EPC that includes six faculty (three from Education) and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies is exploring impacts and ways to approach the new PDE requirements.