NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teresa Gilliams (English) presented two papers at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Toronto. The first paper, “Hold[ing] on to a little dignity”: An Exploration of Goodness in The Bluest Eye, A Mercy and God Help the Child, was part of the roundtable discussion entitled Toni Morrison and Expanding the American/African American Literary Canon and the second, ”The Sum Total of Black Culture”: August Wilson’s Joe Turner’s Come and Gone was presented on a panel focused on new approaches to teaching August Wilson’s plays.

Marsha Green (Psychology) spoke on ocean noise and sustainable development at the 16th Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at the United Nations in April. Also in April a federal judge ruled in a lawsuit she initiated in 2013 to protect marine life from a potential 9.6 million instances of harm to marine mammals during naval exercises between Hawaii and southern California over the next five years. The estimate of harm comes from the navy’s Environmental Impact Statement. The judge ruled that the navy and the National Marine Fisheries Service were violating three Federal laws—the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

John Incledon (Modern Languages and Literatures) has had his revised translation of Farabeuf, or The Chronicle of An Instant by Mexican writer Salvador Elizondo published as an e-book by Ox and Pigeon Digital Publishing Company. Revered and reviled by readers of contemporary Latin American literature, this novel revolves around a photograph of a public torture that took place in Peking in 1905 during the Boxer Rebellion. Farabeuf has a lot in common with the French New Novel, especially Last Year in Marienbad by Alain Resnais and Alain Robbe-Grillet. It is distributed online through Amazon books.

Brian Jennings (Sociology), Adam John (MFL&L), Kim Justeson (Director of Experiential Learning), and Margaret Rakus (Communications) gave a presentation titled, “Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Approaches and Challenges to Study Abroad,” at the 26th annual AAPLAC (Association of Academic Programs in Latin America & the Caribbean) conference held on February 19-21 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Karen Jogan (Modern Foreign Language and Literatures) was an invited presenter for the Electronic Village and Technology Showcase for International TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), March 25-28 in Toronto Canada. She also represented TESOL Peru as a member of the Affiliate Council.

Kate Lehman (Communications) presented her paper "Flawed Friendships and Failed Ambitions: HBO's 'Girls' and the 1960s-70s Single Woman" at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference in Montreal, Quebec, in late March. Her revised essay on single women in AMC's "Mad
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**Gwen Seidman** (Psychology) recently had her paper “Partner enhancement versus verification and emotional responses to daily conflict” published in the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 32*, 304-329. doi: 10.1177/0265407514533227

**TC Smith** (Political Science) and Albright College graduating senior and Political Science major Irma Mrkanovic have completed an original oral history of the Mrkanovic family’s experience in the ethnic wars in Bosnia. Ms Mrkanovic was born in the midst of this war, to a Bosnian Muslim family. For this project Ms Mrkanovic interviewed her mother, Nahida Sahman Mrkanovic, who agreed to witness for the record her own—and Irma’s—experiences in the war, as well as the consequences for others in the family including those interned in concentration camps. N. S. Mrkanovic reveals inter alia that she walked across the Bosnian-Croatian border with baby Irma in her arms, defying snipers.

The resulting four sound files in the original Serbo-Croatian were translated by Irma Mrkanovic, and edited and annotated by TC Smith. TC Smith added an introduction placing the Mrkanovic story in the context of the genocidal wars of the collapse of Yugoslavia. Prof. Smith also added a conclusion on political structure, ethnicity, and conflict. To this record they added a regional historical time line, and three family trees. A preliminary copy of the project is available in the Gingrich Library. The entire project in its final form, with the recorded sound files, was requested by the U.S. Library of Congress, and has been deposited there for permanent preservation. This project honors the research and teaching work of the Political Science Department and the collaborative research tradition at Albright College.

**Marian Wolbers** and **James Gaffney**, English Department, co-presented at the American Comparative Literature Association annual conference, March 26-29 in Seattle, WA. They discussed "Love, Revelation, and Faith in World Literature: Pedagogical Approaches to Teaching Global Connections—Beyond Religion" during the "World Literature, World Religion" panel.

**Joseph S. Yarworth** (Education) was awarded the Helen Oakes Citizen Service to Education Award at Temple University’s “Democratic Ethical Educational Leadership Conference” on Saturday, May 2, in Philadelphia. Dr. Yarworth delivered the Helen Oakes’ lecture entitled: “Making Schools Work: Reflections from a 50 Year career”.

**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Following is the list of the student presenters at the HECBC Conference held on April 18, 2015. Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors!

- Tess Adgie
- Brian Anderson
- Toe Aung
- Sara Baum
- Elizabeth Bengtsson
- Tyler Bernadyn
- Brad Ohlinger
- Dayana Petrenko
- Elizabeth Place
- Jordyn Pratt
- Kimberly Radka
- Rachel Roseman
Congratulations to the following seniors for the completion of their honors thesis. Thank you to all of their faculty advisors and readers, as well as the honors committee, including Chris Catone (honors thesis coordinator) for supporting these students in their achievement of this notable academic accomplishment.

Emma Spade
Sarah Crothers
Courtney Konchan
Heather Palmer
Ronya Nassar
Erin Hand
Devin Fisher
Milca Mendez-Ceballos
Kaitlin Leffler
Hanna Szigeti
Melissa Vettleson
Sara Baum
Blanche Helbling

Riley Metz
Victoria Ruprecht
Tess Adgie
Susie Benitez
Joshua Ehlinger
Margaret Froehlich
John Fundyga
Ellie Herman
Sophia Rivera
Francesca Simpson
Chloe Stratton
John Vasko
Ashleigh Weidner

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on New Faculty Hires: The following new hires will be joining our faculty beginning Fall 2015: Dr. Bridget Hearon, Psychology; Dr. Samira Mehta, Religious Studies; Dr. Shreeyash
Palshikar, History; Dr. Kavita Daiya, NEH Endowed Chair in the Humanities; Ms. Carrie Skulley, Political Science and Mr. Edward Schirra, Accounting. The search for Accounting/DCP is still ongoing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Eat Right for Life: Nutrition Tips in your Twilight Years**
Friday, May 22, 2015, 9:30am
Campus Center South Lounge, Fireside
Join registered dietician and Albright’s Nutritionist, Jill Zelinsky, to learn about nutrition needs in your later years. This free seminar is sponsored by the Sloan grant for faculty retirement transitions. Please R.S.V.P. to srov@albright.edu by Wednesday, May 13.

**Jacob Albright Scholars Ceremony and Dinner for Seniors** will be held on Saturday, May 23. Dinner will be held in the dining hall at 5:30 p.m. All Cabinet members are welcome. Please RSVP to Karen Shuker at kshuker@alb.edu or extension 7643.

**Baccalaureate and Commencement**
The Baccalaureate ceremony combining traditional, graduate and ADP students will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. This year’s commencement ceremony will also follow the Baccalaureate format, combining traditional, graduate and ADP students and will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. on Science Field. Please click on [http://www.albright.edu/commencement/spring/index.html](http://www.albright.edu/commencement/spring/index.html) for information regarding reporting times and locations.

**Teaching and Learning Showcase**
Albright College’s **Teaching and Learning Showcase** mini-conference will be hosted on Thursday, May 28 from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. at Roessner Hall. **All faculty, administration, and staff are invited to attend** this day of conversation about pedagogy, student learning and instructional technologies. There is something for everyone, including a prestigious keynote speaker, faculty presentations, and afternoon workshops. The keynote speaker, Dr. Heather McCullough is Associate Director for Instructional Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she leads the Instructional Programs staff and implements the major instruction programs, large scale instructional projects, and new initiatives offered by the Center. Current initiatives being pursued at the Center for Teaching and Learning include facilitating faculty communities of practice around the following topics: active learning, large course redesign, adjunct faculty, teaching online, and promoting success among first-year and transfer students. Another project in development is a badge program that would recognize faculty members’ work in developing the teaching skills. This event is sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee with support from Academic Affairs and IT Services. A link to information regarding the showcase is provided below:


**Retirement Transitions Seminar**
Monday, June 1, 2015, 9:00am-3:00pm  
Campus Center South Lounge  
Come learn about retirement concerns and learn more about Social Security, Health Care, Volunteerism, and much more at our annual Retirement Transitions Seminar. Eligible faculty and staff have received an invitation via email and should RSVP to Samantha Roy at sroy@albright.edu by Friday, May 22, 2015. The event will be followed by an optional wine and cheese reception at The Sage House (1807 Linden St.) where you will have the opportunity to converse with retirees involved in the Albright Retirement Community (ARC).

Save the Dates: As you plan your summer, please keep in mind the following important events leading to the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.

  - **Faculty Retreat**: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 - Details forthcoming.
  - **Convocation**: TBA; no longer on move-in day. Julia Matthews will be soliciting input on format.
  - **Welcome Weekend**: August 27-30 2015
  - **Classes Start**: Monday, August 31, 2015