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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arcana Albright (French) presented and discussed a paper entitled “Textualité sans frontière: LIVRE/LOUVRE de Jean-Philippe Toussaint” at an international colloquium in Paris organized by NYU Paris, Université Rennes2, and Université du Québec à Montréal.

Andra Basu (ADP), Melissa Wells (ADP Business), and Lindsay Phillips (ADP Psychology) are giving the following presentation: Capstone Projects, Undergraduate Research, and Applied Learning Experiences for Adult Students Roundtable discussion at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning Conference, Washington, DC.

Adlai Binger (Music) and the Albright Angels were guest artists at the “Sweet Soundsations” choral festival held at Central Dauphin High School in Harrisburg, PA on November 2, 2012. This Middle School Women’s Choral Festival was comprised of 180 young women representing eighteen different schools. The participants spent the day rehearsing several selections under the direction of a guest conductor. The Albright Angels performed seven selections to open the festival concert. The performance by the Albright Angels at this event provided the opportunity for the younger festival singers to hear and see singers at a higher level of development providing insight and inspiration. Educationally, the experience enabled the young singers to witness and realize their future performing potential. The Albright Angels gained performing experience in addition to acting as ambassadors for Albright College, and role models for the young singers.

Andrea Chapdelaine (Provost, Psychology) presented a talk with Alan Runge (Provost, Concordia University, TX) on “Faculty Workload Considerations” at the Council of Independent Colleges 2012 Institute for Chief Academic Officers. Andrea also co-presented on “How to Lead Vertically and Horizontally” at a pre-conference workshop and co-facilitated the CAO Women’s Luncheon.

Sidney Dreese (Library) has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Union County Historical Society, Lewisburg, PA. He also had an article, “Jacob Stauffer Whitman: First Union County School Superintendent”, published by the Society in their journal, Accounts of Union County History. Whitman was also one of the first faculty of Albright College’s predecessor institutions, Union Seminary.

Matt Fotis’ (Theater) article "Performing Fatherhood" and his one-man play My Fragile Family Tree: Stories About Fathers & Sons were published in the latest issue of Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies.

On Friday, Oct. 12, Connie Heller Horacek (Fashion) and Marian Wolbers (English and ADP) presented "Words into Threads," at the EAPSU "Intertextuality" Conference held at East Stroudsburg University, in Pennsylvania. Horacek and Wolbers discussed journaling as a valuable teaching component, especially in Albright's Art Wearables course. They presented evidence that the act of creating is grounded in an internal journey easily enhanced via a freestyle-but-focused blending of words and artwork (refs: Julia Cameron; Natalie Goldberg; James Pennebaker). Self-actualization resulting from writing is then translated into the garment (final project): students
approaching the creative project experience a multitude of self-realizations and draw from these in a powerful interplay of thought, words, drawings, colors, forms, and shape.

Brian Jennings (Sociology) presented “An Assessment of Environmental Knowledge and Worldviews of Incoming Freshmen at a Liberal Arts Institution” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in Los Angeles. The paper was coauthored by Soma Ghosh (Business and Economics).


Kate Lehman (Communications) presented at the Flow Conference on Television and New Media at the University of Texas at Austin on Nov. 3. Her paper was entitled "New Girls, Old Stereotypes: Identity and Indiscretion in Contemporary Single-Woman Sitcoms."

Lindsay Phillips (Psychology) had the following articles accepted for publication: Stigma and substance use disorders: Research, implications, and potential solutions in Journal of Drug Addiction, Education, and Eradication, 7(1) and The challenges of reentry from prison to society in Journal of Current Issues in Crime, Law and Law Enforcement, 4(4), with a co-author, W. Michelle Spencer.

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Innovative Transfer Network and the National Science Foundation, will be hosting a Seed Assistance Grant Symposium on November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Penn State Harrisburg. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. An agenda is attached.

On November 27, Paul Janssen and I will attend a forum on “Building Resiliency: The Role of Anchor Institutions in Sustaining Community Economic Development.” This event, which is being organized by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of University Partnerships, and Widener University, will discuss partnerships between universities and small cities, focusing on tools and strategies for building resiliency in small, formerly industrial cities. If anyone else is interested in attending, please contact Karen Shuker.
The Council of Independent Colleges sponsors a series of faculty development seminars. If interested, please contact the Provost. List of offerings, the website for more information and application deadlines are below. Albright faculty have attended these in the past and found them highly beneficial.

Ancient Greece in the Modern College Classroom, [http://www.cic.org/meetings-and-events/Faculty-Development/Pages/Ancient-Greece.aspx](http://www.cic.org/meetings-and-events/Faculty-Development/Pages/Ancient-Greece.aspx), February 1, 2013.
Workshops for Department and Division Chairs, to be held April 4-6, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA, deadline TBA.