NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michele Cramer (Chemistry and Biochemistry) was inducted into the Muhlenberg High School Hall of Fame. Her nomination/inclusion was based upon academic and career success.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) presented a paper entitled “Between Divinity and Animality: The Horns of Moses” at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature on November 18. She also had two articles published this month. She wrote the entry on Ecclesiastes for the twentieth anniversary edition of the Women’s Bible Commentary (edited by Carol A. Newsom, Sharon H. Ringe and Jacqueline E. Lapsley; Oxford), and published an article called “The Chronieler Buries Saul” in Focusing Biblical Studies: The Crucial Nature of the Persian and Hellenistic Periods (edited by Alice Hunt and Jon Berquist; Continuum).

Jeffrey Lentz, Artist in Residence (Theatre and Music) was recently commissioned by the El Paso Museum of Art and the El Paso Opera Company to create and perform a multi-media concert to celebrate an exhibition of paintings from Europe’s Golden Age currently on display at the El Paso Museum of Art. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, this project, entitled, The Birth of Opera, explores the constructive links between the visual art, music, and theatre created during the early 17th Century that gave birth to a new and interdisciplinary art form -- opera.

In collaboration with the visual artist, Cocol Bernal, Lentz devised a performance project that fused digital images of the exhibition's paintings (with works by artists such as Rembrandt, Rubens, Breughel, and Hogarth) to songs by Igor Stravinsky, Dominick Argento, and Roger Quilter -- with lyrical texts by William Shakespeare, Robert Herrick, Ben Jonson, Frances Quarles, and W. H. Auden).

Besides the two public performances of the event itself, Lentz and Bernal produced 12 short lecture concerts as part of the museum’s educational outreach program during their ten day residency. Lentz also offered a master class in acting at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Steve Mech (Biology) gave a talk on October 16 at the Reading Public Museum entitled Habitat Fragmentation: Human impacts on the Natural Landscape.

Bonnie Rohde (Business and Economics) presented "Ceelink: Text Marketing Feasibility Study and Product Design" at the Seed Assistance Grant Symposium Penn State Harrisburg hosted by Innovation Transfer Network and the National Science Foundation/Partnerships for Innovation on November 16.

Documentary and Non-fiction Film.” For the Bible and Film section, November 19, 2012 and “I Want To Believe: Help Me in My Unbelief:’ Revelation, Raelians, Rapture and North American Pop-Eschatology.” For the Bible and Culture section, November 20, 2012.

Huy Tran (Economics and Business) presented his research paper entitled “Organizational ambidexterity in small firms: The role of top management team behavioral integration and entrepreneurial orientation” at the 2012 Southern Management Association Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Hal Weary (Music) was invited to speak on two panels at LVC’s Revolution in music conference this on Saturday, Nov. 17: music publishing expert panel and the mash-up mentor panel. He also met music business professors from LVC, York, and Harrisburg who expressed their interest in collaborating on a regional conference, which would possibly be held at Albright Spring 13.'

One of Kristen Woodward’s (Art) collages won first place in the Collage & Assemblage national juried exhibit at Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, NM this month. She will also have 15 small paintings at Isadore Gallery as part of their Art of Giving show opening next Friday, December 7th. She’ll also have about a dozen new paintings in the Art & Science exhibit opening at Penn State's Freyberger Gallery next semester- opening reception is Jan. 10, from 6:00-8:00 pm. The show features artists that were paired with Science Faculty.

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost will be on leave from January 2 - February 11, 2013. Dr. Joseph Thomas will serve as Acting Provost during this time and Dr. Joseph Yarworth will be serving as Interim Associate Dean.

The following faculty will be on sabbatical during the Spring 2013 semester:

- Frieda Texter, Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Susan Hughes, Associate Professor of Psychology
- Adam John, Associate Professor of French and Spanish
- Trudy Eguae-Obazee, Associate Professor of Accounting

Kristen Zacharias, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will be on leave during the Spring 2013 semester.

Upcoming Events:

Winter 2012 Commencement: Will be held Saturday, December 15, 2012, 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 16, 2012, same time, same place.)
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Please note the following dates for the spring semester:

Dean’s Seminars:
- February 21, 2013 – Fulbright Faculty Workshop
- April 11, 2013 – Presentation by Jeffrey Herlihy-Mera

Experience Events:
- Steve Kalafer and his son, Jonathan, will present a screening of their documentary *Once in a Lullaby* on March 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall. This documentary about a children’s chorus and its choir director, Gregg Breinberg, at PS22 in New York City was named the winner of Best Documentary Film at the 2012 New Jersey International Film Festival.
- Early March (date TBD) – Dr. Katy Masuga, Professor at The American University of Paris and at l’Université de Paris (III): La Sorbonne Nouvelle. By the invitation of Dr. Jeffrey Herlihy-Mera, supported by the NEH Chair in Humanities.

The 14th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference is being held at Kutztown University on Saturday, April 27, 2013. More information and registration deadlines will soon be posted on their website. Please contact Kim Justeson, kjusteson@alb.edu with questions.

The Second Annual Teaching and Learning Showcase and Workshops will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Details to follow.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library
- In response to Assessment data (and student requests), during crunch week (week before exams) and exam week this year the library is adding 38 extra service hours to our normal hours for students to study, research and write papers. These hours can be accessed by checking the main library webpage at http://library.albright.edu.
- Thanks to everyone who will participate in City Lights, our exam preparation program on December 7th by volunteering cookies, class sessions or assistance to the tutors who will conduct some of the class sessions.
- Welcome two new PT library staff – Amanda Schaeffer, the new Coordinator of the Holocaust Resource Center and Lindsay Sakmann, the PT evening reference librarian. Additional information on these two staff members is available on the new library blog at http://albrightlibrary.wordpress.com.
- The Library will debut their new online catalog in late January, just before the Spring semester starts. We are switching from the system we installed in 1994 to Koha, an open source product that allows us to offer more services to the Albright community. Watch the library webpage and faculty email for more information on this new system.

SAVE THE DATE! Albright College Fashion Showcase 2013

Mark your calendars for this year’s fashion show and exhibit “Convergence,” which will be held in Bollman Center on May 4, 2013. Please join us in celebrating the creative and inspirational work of our students. Tickets cost $5.00 and can be purchased through the Albright College Box Office.