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It's a new year with a new semester underway for our traditional program. Interim offered an array of great learning opportunities for our students, including study away programs in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Hawaii; a diversity of ACREs (see the list below); on-line and on-campus interim courses; and medical scribe externships. We are looking on additional ways to bring innovative courses and learning opportunities to Interim and welcome your ideas. Meanwhile, the new on-line Addiction Studies program, developed within the School of Professional Studies, began in January with 28 students enrolled in the inaugural course. We have lots to celebrate (see faculty, student, and department accomplishments below) and lots to look forward to this semester. Here's to our continued good work together!

The first **Faculty Meeting** of the new year is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 14, 4-5:30 pm**, McMillan Campus Center South Lounge.

February Dates

- **Facul-Tea:** Lennie Amores; Thursday, February 8, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Chemistry and Biochemistry Lecture Series:**
Thursday, February 8, 4:30 p.m., Science Center 256
Speaker: Timothy Oswald, M.S., Chemist, Carpenter Technology Corporation
Presentation: *The Unique Role of Analytical Chemistry in the Specialty Steel Industry*
- **Faculty Meeting:** Wednesday, February 14, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge
- **Facul-Tea:** Arcana Albright, Thursday, February 15, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Teaching and Learning Conversation:** Friday, February 16, 3:00 p.m., Roessner 100: Focus: On-line and Hybrid Classes
- **Facul-Tea:** Shreeyash Palshikar; Thursday, February 22, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Faculty Forum:** Monday, February 26, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge – Fireside

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FACULTY LEAVES

Back from personal leave for spring semester:

Bridget Hearon, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Personal Leave (Spring 2018)

Matt Sonntag, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Sabbaticals (Spring 2018)

Jennifer Koosed, Professor of Religious Studies

Kate Lehman, Associate Professor of Communications

Kennon Rice, Associate Professor of Sociology

Faculty Searches

Six searches are currently underway to fill new faculty positions to start in August 2018. These positions are in the following academic areas: Art History, Accounting, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Communications, Computer Science, and Music. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on one of the search committees.

Articulation Agreements

Albright has signed an articulation agreement with **Reading Hospital School of Medical Laboratory Science** for a 3+1 program that would allow qualified Albright students in the Biotechnology track of the Biology major to enter the Medical Laboratory Science Program at Reading Hospital, completing their fourth year of course work for the bachelor's degree through clinical courses in RHS's program and making them eligible for national MLS accreditation.

Grantsmanship: New Efforts

John McAllister, Albright alumnus and trustee, who chairs the Academic Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees, is the founder of McAllister & Quinn, a Washington, DC-based higher education consulting firm that specializes in supporting colleges seeking grants, especially federal grants. John has generously donated the equivalent of a two-year consulting contract to Albright, which will provide us with important grants expertise. In late November, John and his colleague Maeve Connolly spent a day on campus meeting with different groups of faculty and staff to become better acquainted

with our needs, strengths, and distinctiveness, so that they can advise us on appropriate and relevant grant opportunities for Albright. Based on their follow-up report, Joe Thomas, Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Affairs, and Charlene Wysocki, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, will work with faculty on identifying grants to pursue. Maeve Connolly will work directly with Albright to provide expert guidance for developing these grant applications. This is a significant opportunity for Albright to develop our grantsmanship as well as to bring the strengths and distinctiveness of Albright to the attention of federal agencies and foundations. The knowledge and expertise that we will gain through this work with McAllister & Quinn will be invaluable, continuing to shape our grant efforts well beyond the two years of this consultancy.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Two time Pulitzer Prize winning playwright **Lynn Nottage** used sections of **Gary Adelstein's** (Art and English) (co-directed) film, *Reading 1974: Portrait of a City* in the Broadway staging of her play, "Sweat" (set in Reading, PA). She also utilized *Reading 1974* as a major projection component of her site-specific multimedia installation at the Franklin Street Train Station which took place for 3 consecutive weekends (to an audience of over 3,000) this past summer. The film was also scanned in 2K digital video, then distributed and archived in 2K file format or as blue-ray or standard DVD.

Joe Cunningham (Business, Accounting and Economics) has been selected and agreed to serve a two-year term on The Executive Board of Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounting (PICPA) for 2018 & 2019 in its Reading chapter. Joe has gladly volunteered his community service in other capacities for the PICPA. The activities include planning the Annual Educator's Conference, College and University Relations, its High School Essay Contest and sitting on the editorial board of Pennsylvania's *CPA Journal*.

Carlos Dimas (Latin American Studies) had a peer-reviewed article published in the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*: "The Health of the Rurality: The Encuesta de Folklore and Popular Healing Practices in Tucumán, 1921". It formed part of a special issue called "New Perspectives on the History of Rural Health in Latin America."

Damayanthie Eluwawalage (Fashion) spoke at the Denver Women's Club, Denver, Pennsylvania on October 18, 2017 on the topic: "History of Costume in the State of Pennsylvania 1600-1900."

Matt Fotis (Theatre) presented his paper "Teaching Brecht Through Sketch Comedy" at the annual Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association conference in Philadelphia. His book review of Ian Wilkie's *Performing in Comedy: A Students Guide* was published in the latest issue of *Methods: A Journal of Acting Pedagogy*.

Karen Jogan (MFL) was recently elected as one of the 29 Commissioners (board members) of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), our regional accreditation agency which oversees accreditation and pre-accreditation activities for colleges in the Mid-Atlantic region, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands,

and in selected universities abroad. MSCHE elects commissioners from among its 527 member institutions. Karen's experience with MSCHE includes having served as a site visitor and a team chair for MSCHE institutions in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Chile. She has also been an invited speaker at annual accreditation conferences as well as at Self Study Institutes in the U.S. and abroad. As an elected commissioner, Karen will attend commission meetings and will serve on task forces and committees for a three-year term beginning in January 2018. MSCHE is one of several regional accrediting commissions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) published an essay called “Moses, Feminism, and the Male Subject” in *The Bible and Feminism: Remapping the Field* (ed. Yvonne Sherwood; Oxford).

Kate Lehman (Communications) presented her paper “‘We Got Y’all’: Intersectional Identities and Black Female Representation in HBO’s *Insecure*” at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Baltimore on Nov. 17.

Rachel Liberatore (English and Writing Center) presented “Recruiting and Selecting Tutors to Promote Inclusivity and Justice” at International Writing Center Association Conference (IWCA) 2017 conference in Chicago, IL

Roberto Mandanici (Business, Accounting, and Economics) presented two research projects, *Professional Skepticism: Innate Sixth Sense, or Learned Skill?* and *Empirical Study of the Profile of an Embezzler: The Implications for the Community* at the NABET Northeastern Association of Business, Economics and Technology (NABET) conference in State College, PA in October.

In October, **Samira Mehta** (Religious Studies) presented a paper entitled “Clergy, Co-eds, and Contraception: Liberal Clergy and the Fight to Get Contraception to Unmarried Women in the 1960s” at the interdisciplinary meeting *Single Lives: 200 Years of Independent Women in Literature and Popular Culture* at University College Dublin Humanities Institute, Dublin, Ireland. On November 2, she gave a talk at the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, in Washington, DC, entitled “Morality, Contraception, and Religion in Post-War America.” Also in November, at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Boston, she presented a paper called “Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families” and launched the new AAR Seminar Group on Religions and Families in North America, of which she is a co-chair.

Bonnie Rohde ‘92 (Business, Accounting & Economics) presented “North American Free Trade and Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreements” as an invited speaker at the World Affairs Council of Greater Reading on October 18, 2017. In October, she attended the Smart Cities Week conference, “Smart Infrastructure Enables Smart Cities in Washington, D.C.” The third-annual Smart Cities Week D.C. attracted 1,400 people from around the world to discuss ways smart infrastructure enables smart cities. In November, Bonnie attended the Berks County Real Estate & Development Symposium held at the DoubleTree Hotel where James D. King, BB&T, presented the Economic Forecast and the two panel discussions covered topics on commercial enterprise and

residential growth in the greater Reading area. She also attended the Reading Rising event held at the Abraham Lincoln in Reading. The event was a preview to “learn, inspire, and do,” which showcased local entrepreneurship and was a call to action to discovering innovation and nurturing growth in Reading. The event was a unique forum for community innovators, dreamers, entrepreneurs, city residents, business and nonprofit leaders. **John Weidenhammer**, Trustee Emeritus, was one of the speakers, and spoke about his connection to Reading and his investment in their new Penn Street location to help drive a revitalization of the city. She was also interviewed on September 26 by WFMZ regarding the Equifax breach.

Rob Seesengood (Religious Studies) presented a paper, “Scary Stories: Affective links between Apocalyptic, Conspiracy, and Horror,” on November 18 at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Boston, MA. The paper was part of a larger panel on Affect, Apocalyptic and Conspiracy co-designed by Rob and Donovan Schaeffer of University of Pennsylvania.

Melissa Wells '86 (Business, Accounting & Economics, SPS Program) gave a presentation “Preparing for College: Careers in Business” at the Wyomissing Junior-Senior High School Career Day on behalf of the College. Supporting information was provided by the Experiential Learning & Career Development and the Admissions departments.

A new scholarship for study abroad has been set up to honor **Marian Wolbers**, General Education Program Coordinator in the School of Professional Studies and long-serving instructor in English, writing, and SPS. The Marian Frances Wolbers Study Abroad Scholarship will provide support to students with financial need, with preference given to students studying in Japan or other East Asian countries. The first individual scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded in the near future. The scholarship, endowed with more than \$62,000, was established by Michael Walker of Perth, Australia, in celebration of his lifelong friendship with Wolbers and their shared devotion to Japan. The two friends met in the 1970s while studying Japanese language at Keio University in Tokyo. After their studies were complete, Wolbers and Walker went their separate ways, with Walker remaining in Japan for decades to work for the Australian government and in the private sector. Wolbers, an author, eventually landed at Albright to teach English, writing and Japanese culture courses.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Julianne Lowenstein '17 received a \$2000 scholarship in November at the Pennsylvania Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development annual conference. As an undergraduate, she earned a degree in early childhood education and French. She was a Dean’s list student with an over 3.9 GPA, who was recognized as a Jacob Albright Scholar and the Patricia Shearer-Mertz scholarship recipient for being the most promising junior class education student. She aspires to be a teacher leader and work in an urban school district and hopes to instill resiliency and global awareness in her students. She is described by her professors at Albright as highly reflective and a leader among her peers on campus and as someone who was “born to teach.”

STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH | INTERIM 2018

Twenty-one student/faculty pairs have had ACRE projects accepted for the Interim 2018 program:

Student	Faculty	Project
Kaitlyn Bangert	David Tran	Medical Tourism: Measurements, Antecedents and Consequences – A U.S. Perspective
Sarah Boothman	Adam Hersperger	Investigation into the possible mitogenic role of an epidermal growth factor ortholog
Lauren Hudak	Gwendolyn Seidman	Motivations for Active and Passive Social Media Use
Renee Hunsberger	Justin Couchman	Beliefs about Intelligence Malleability: The Effects on Confidence and Performance
Emily Durell	Guillaume de Syon	The Fatherland and Fatherhood: German Postcards depicting Family and Children during the Great War
Kiersten Stark	Lawrence Morris	A Typological Geography of Irish <i>Irreführen</i> Stories
Paige Naseef	Bryce Brylawski	A Nutritional Analysis of Green Beans Grown in an Aquaponics System vs. Grown Commercially vs. Grown Organically
Sandy Lee	Pamela Artz	NMR Studies of the Interaction of Luciferase with Substrates (Luciferin) and Cofactors (ATP, ADP, & AMP)
Brittany Slaughterbeck	Pamela Artz	Analytical chemistry methods to investigate the identity and levels of paraben preservatives in cosmetics including a comparison with regulation levels in the European Union
Brandon Taylor	Nicholas Piro	Exploring the Effects of Ring Size on the Coordination Chemistry of Bis(guanidinyl)pyridine Ligands
Patrick Minnig	David Osgood	Evaluation of <i>Microstegium vimineum</i> success under varying timber management techniques
Lauren Bell	Jayanthi Rajan	Green is the New Black: Sustainability and the next generation of fashion
Zoe Gehman	Nichols Piro	Ferrocene-Bridged Ligands for Holding Two Metals in Different Environments
William Adams	Jonathan Geruntho	Reevaluation of Regiochemistry in EAS Using Modern Computational Methods
Thomas Harrison	Bridget Hearon	Personality Traits: Predicting Objectively Measured Levels of Exercise and Sleep Quality
Kyle Bernadyn	Al Cacicedo	Playing with Reality: A Cross-Examination of <i>Hamlet</i> and Performative Identity Theory
Alyssa Sherman	Brian Glaze	Cupola Metal Furnace Construction
Steven Conrad	Adam Owenz	The Billion Dollar Secondary Sneaker Market & Brand Perception
Zachary Krause	Daria Newfield	Millennial Investment Behaviors

Paul Cieri	Doreen Burdalski	Where are the Fashion Police? Examining the strengths and weaknesses of regulating the copyright, patent, and trademark of fashion design
Clarissa DeFederico	Carrie Skulley	Faux News: We distort, you comply

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT
NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Department & Program Chairs In-Service Day: In January, Academic Department and Program Chairs gathered for day of professional development, joined by some members of ACRT and PC. Kathleen Rinehart, JD, President of Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI , and a leader in higher education law, provided **workshops for department and program chairs on faculty hiring and faculty evaluations.** Rinehart has long provided workshops for CIC Department Chairs and CIC member institutions on faculty evaluation and hiring and dispute resolution. Rinehart is nationally known for her work in “dispute resolution, legal compliance, and supervisory best practices training. She conducts workshops for professional associations such as the National Association of College and University Attorneys and the Annapolis Group, among others.

ACADEMIC LEARNING CENTER

- The ALC held 15 workshops and had 367 workshop attendees during the fall 2017 semester.
- We hired 24 new tutors and certified 14 students through the College Reading and Learning Association during the fall semester.
- We responded to 113 student alerts, an 18% increase from last year.

ALBRIGHT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

During the fall semester, the Albright Early Learning Center hosted many students for observation hours, internships and coursework.

- Dr. Susan Seidenstricker (Education) partnered with the preschool teachers to mentor her students through their course work in EDU 323 for early language and literacy. The students observed in the toddler classrooms and then completed a series of three projects throughout the semester working with their Mentor Preschool Teacher. This level of connection and teaching is an exceptional opportunity to allow classroom learning to be practiced at the AELC lab school.
- Students in the early education program also observed math and social studies teaching in the AELC's Kindergarten classroom this semester. Working with the kindergarten teacher at the AELC, the students were able to arrange tailor fit times to observe in order to best meet their class schedules.

- As the coursework offerings in early childhood education conclude, the AELC has branched out to the Psychology and Sociology departments to continue to serve the students at Albright College.
- For the second fall in a row, the AELC has hosted an intern. This semester the intern as been assigned to four different classrooms at the Center. In the spring semester we look to further partner with both departments.

DISABILITY SERVICES

- During October, the Disability Services Office celebrated accessibility awareness month with two events. The department partnered with the American Sign Language (ASL) Club to provide an ASL workshop. An ASL teacher from Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing was also present at this workshop. The department also hosted a therapy dog visit in the lobby of the Schumo Center. T-shirts promoting accessibility awareness were given away at each event.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- The ELDCDC offered the following during the Fall semester:
- 12 events with 307 students and 115 professionals in attendance.
- 31 workshops with a total of 124 students in attendance.
- 29 class visits, with 397 students in those classes.
 - Class visits included:
 - 12 First Year Seminar Classes, 186 students
 - 5 Senior Seminar Classes, 46 students
 - 5 Fashion, 89 students
 - 2 Education, 12 students
 - 2 Intermediate Accounting, 21 students
 - 1 public admin, 1 international relations, 1 American Government, 43 students

Upcoming ELDCDC Events:

- Albright College Career and Internship Fair, Wed., Feb. 21 – Campus Center Main Lounge
- LVCCE Expo (Career and Internship Fair), Wed., Feb. 28 – Holiday Inn, Foglesville – Free for Albright students and alumni, featuring 120+ employers
- Albright College Non-Profit/Social Enterprise/Government Career and Internship Fair, Wed., March 7 – Campus Center Main Lounge
- Teacher Recruitment Day, Tues., March 13 – Millersville University – Free and with early entrance for Albright students and alumni
- Higher Education Council of Berks County (HECBC) Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, Sat., April 7, 2018 – Kutztown University
- Do you have colleagues outside of academia who may be interested in recruiting at Albright College? If so, please have them contact us at 610-921-7630 or elcdc@albright.edu.

13th Street Educational Partnership

Albright has extended its work with 13th & Union elementary school to Northeast Middle School this year. This work, which depends on a well-organized and trained cadre of dedicated student volunteers from Albright, provides a range of academic support

programs for students at the elementary and middle schools. Professor Brenda Ingram-Wallace (Psychology) has also designed a significant mentoring program that has been put in place at the elementary school, where carefully trained Albright students serve as individual mentors. In January, some 400 7th graders from Northeast Middle School spent a day on Albright's campus, taking their classes in Albright classrooms, having lunch in the dining hall, and interacting with Albright students to learn more about college. These outreach programs are supported by the **Wyomissing Foundation** and by **Pennsylvania Campus Compact's** VISTA.

Albright has also developed a successful leadership training program for students at Reading High School, with support from the **Dearden Foundation**. Albright students serve as mentors for these RHS student leaders. Now in its second year, this effort is a collaboration between our Dearden Leadership Society, the Experiential and Career Development Center, and Reading High School.

GINGRICH LIBRARY

- In addition to our regular fall semester events (Facul-teas, banned books readout, Day of the Dead, de-stressing events), we also hosted our first ever game night held on Friday, November 3 after closing. Scheduling conflicts prevented a large turnout, but those in attendance enjoyed participating in a variety of games like Twister, Spanish language Scrabble, Candyland and many others. The enthusiasm of the participants was encouraging and we plan to repeat this event in the future.
- The impact to the curriculum of the recently acquired Gold-Biken Marriage Certificate collection was evident in the Fall semester. Dr. Elizabeth Kiester arranged to have one of her sociology classes closely examine the collection. We anticipate that she will continue to integrate the study of the certificates with her curriculum.
- The Library continued to expand Albright's presence in Shared Shelf Commons, most notably the uploading of videos of student communications between Albright students and students in Chile. Participation in Shared Shelf continues to grow and hopefully we will continue to add collections to this platform.

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- Over thirty faculty and administrators who work and teach in the School of Professional Studies attended an all-day OER workshop presented by Lumen Learning on November 17, 2017. The workshop provided an overview of Open Educational Resources (OER) along with data showing correlations between courses that use OER and increased retention rates.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF ART

- In addition to faculty continuing to professionally exhibit their artwork, below are some recent projects and outreach involving students, faculty and alumni.
- Students, **Raine Ukele** and **Nicole Hammond**, exhibited their paintings at the Fringe Theater in Philadelphia in October.

- The Student Gallery on the second floor of the Center for the Arts in the Art Department area continues to showcase Senior exhibitions.
 - **Madison Van Duren:** November 27 to December 1
 - **Imani Palmer and Anna Garcia-Malave:** December 4 to December 8
 - **Nicole Hammond:** January 29-February 2, 2018
 - **Raine Ukele:** February 5- February 9, 2018
 - **Dylan Roth & Kaitlyn Kirkpatrick:** February 19- February 23, 2018
 - **Tim Resch:** TBA
- In October, **Brian Glaze** conducted a bronze pour at the 10th annual IX Arts conference at Goggleworks. IX Arts is a hyperrealism group that creates fantasy artwork from digital, analog and sculptural mediums. Brian also brought his Sculpture I class to Goggleworks where artist, James Pastore, led two ceramics glaze demonstrations. The work is currently being fired onsite at Goggleworks.
- Alumnus, **Brian Cavanaugh '08**, was included in the exhibition *Fact or Fiction: The Hand in Photography and Information*, curated by Matthew Garrison, at the Brooklyn Cluster Gallery.
- Classes in Art History regularly visit the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, and **Matthew Garrison** brings his video classes to the Goggleworks Boscov Film Theater at least once each semester in conjunction with community discussions of the films being screened.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

- **David Osgood**
 - CERF 24th Biennial, Providence, RI Nov 5-9
 - Two talks: "Decadal changes in salt marsh production and carbon storage: a test of the space-for-time substitution approach" and "Improving estimates of salt marsh carbon storage using fine-scale hyperspectral and LiDAR remote sensing". Bryce Brylawski, Ryan Brett, and Patrick Minnig were authors.
 - MD Water Monitoring Council 23rd Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD Dec 08
 - "ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATING EFFICACY OF A FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION". Bryce Brylawski was only author with numerous students over 13 years acknowledged in presentation.
- **Shelly Kauffman** is working on a NSF funded project integrating student-produced audio narratives into geological education. The first trial will occur Spring 2018

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING, AND ECONOMICS

Curriculum Revisions and Updates

- Business Finance track – requirement to take MAT 125, Business Calculus. This replaces the upper level economics course requirement. The upper level Economics course requirement is met by ECO 336 or ECO 313
- Business Economics track, requirement to take ECO 307 Econometrics.

- International Business track, option given to take either ECO 301 International Economics or ECO 233 Comparative Economic Systems. The first section of a synthesis version of Business, Government and Society will be offered this Spring. This is consistent with curriculum revisions planned for ACBSP accreditation.
- An experiential learning course on International Business in Cuba has been approved for May 2018. This course will be accompanied by a World Music Cuba course taught by **AJ Merlino**. The course has also been made available to SPS students for foreign language/culture or global connections credit

Implementation of the Dearden Leadership Academy

- Approximately 30 students from Reading High School participated in a 3-day leadership development experience assisted by 6 Albright business student mentors. Mentors received 2 full days of training on site at the Dearden Alumni Campus of Milton Hershey School. The program included new activities designed by the Center for Creative Leadership.
- Dearden Lecture Series for Fall 2017 “*The Art of Marketing: Managing the Creative Side of Marketing*”. This lecture series was associated with Professor Adam Owenz, Visiting Assistant Professor of Marketing’s 4th Hour of Quality project in his two sections of BUS 347 – Marketing Management. This 4th hour of quality project included students attending four evening lectures featuring creative professionals (graphic designer/videographer/creative director/ and a CMO) and completing four creative assignments. This project was designed to take students beyond the traditional Marketing Management curriculum and prepare aspiring marketing professionals to both engage in hands-on creative work and manage creative individuals and processes. These lectures were open to the public and well attended.

BAE Faculty News & Accomplishments

- **Suzanne Palmer** attended the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors (NAPLA) annual conference in Pittsburgh, and the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB) annual conference in Savannah. She reviewed for Proceedings for the ALSB and, at the conference, presented her paper, Student Issues in Copyright: Policy and Risk Management Considerations, and moderated a session on Ethics & CSR.
- **Soma Ghosh** published “The STAR Community Rating System: An Analysis of the Communities Participating in the Program.” International Journal of Public Administration (Published online on 26 Oct, 2017)
- **Jay Rajan** and **Soma Ghosh** presented 2 papers. “What Motivates MNEs Commitment to SDGs? An Analysis of MNEs in Emerging Economies” at the *MESD Conference*, Dec 2017 and “Data Visualization through Infographic Tools: Applications in Business Courses”-co-presented at the *Magna Teaching with Technology Conference*, Oct 2017.
- **Lisa Wilder** completed her Sense of Community Survey which was distributed to 3250 households in the Greater Reading Area. The results will be presented at the Pennsylvania Economics Association Annual meeting in June. **Wilder** is also

participating in the American Economic Association/ASSA conference in January 2018.

- **Joseph Cunningham** presented a budgeting basics program to high school students who were participating in Philadelphia Youth Network's Work Ready Program at Thomas Jefferson University on July 21, 2017. He also participated as a committee member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (PICPA) Educator of the Year Selection Committee for 2017. Joe co-presented "Connections for Comprehension" - Linking Content throughout the Curriculum on June 29, 2017 at the annual PICPA's Educator's Conference and implemented an OER replacement textbook for BUS 155 - Personal Finance for the School of Professional Studies and the traditional undergraduate program. Joe's empirical research was included for presentation at West Chester University's Annual Fall Research Day.
- **Joseph Cunningham** and **Trudy Obazee** – Organized business and accounting students to assist with middle school entrepreneurial program throughout the fall. Joseph Cunningham has completed a textbook review of Cost Accounting for McGraw Hill Publishing. They also escorted 14 Accounting students to the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) annual networking event in Conshohocken, PA.
- **JoAnne Weaver** is working on designing an OER ACC 905 and 908 courses using Flatworld. She also completed CPE for CPA license and currently studying for the Certified Fraud Examiner exam.
- **Trudy Obazee** was a judge for Future Business Leader of America
- **Farhad Saboori** and **Trudy Obazee** presented a paper titled "*The Impact of Military Spending on Social Spending: An Empirical Analysis*" at the Pennsylvania Economic Association, June 1- 3, 2017, Alvernia University, Reading, PA.
- **Bonnie Rohde** attended the Americas Conference for Information Systems, Boston, Massachusetts, August 9 through the 11, where she participated in the "invitation only" doctoral consortium. She received valuable feedback on her dissertation topic from established scholars representing Boston College, Georgia State University, Case Western Reserve University, University of Arizona, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also received a \$1000 scholarship and attended the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship "Go Deep" Entrepreneurship Teaching and Learning Scholars Program, August 13 through the 18 in Calgary, Canada. During this one-week intensive training program held at the University of Calgary, she participated in a mastermind group of entrepreneurship program leaders from University of California Irvine, Michigan University, University of Memphis, and University of Virginia.
- Rohde completed an MBA in Management of Information Systems from Wilmington University that included courses in Data Management, Analysis, Modeling, and Design, Data Communications and Networking, Project and Change Management and IT Policy and Strategy. December 16, 2017 and completed her doctoral courses and is writing her dissertation. She is studying Smart City Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and their Ability to Build Sustained Ventures. She also submitted a grant application for the 2018 Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation. The Kauffman

Dissertation Fellowship is an annual competitive program that awards up to 20 Dissertation Fellowship grants of \$20,000 each to Ph.D., D.B.A., or other doctoral students at accredited U.S. universities to support dissertations in the area of entrepreneurship.

- Rohde will be using the Lumen Learning OER Waymaker platform in her BUS346OL Interim course. This platform is an interactive learning module platform bundled with an OER text. This will be the first course at Albright that will use this tool and educational information. In the spring, Bonnie was one of the first faculty to use an OER MIS text for the SPS course BUS952.
- Rohde took 40 Management of Information Systems students to visit Andesa Services owned by Albright trustee, Ron Scheese '89 and Liquid Interactive a digital marketing firm, one of the fastest growing firms in the Lehigh Valley on October 24. The students were paired with an Andesa Services employee after taking a tour of their offices. This allowed each student an opportunity to see what it is like to work at a digital, information systems based company. She also took 23 students from her Operations Management course to Aerzen, U.S.A. a manufacturer of industrial compressed air systems located in Coatesville. Ralf Weiser, Manager Project Management, spoke to the students about Lean Manufacturing, valuing employees, and their Gold LEED building that is practically 100% energy efficient with a zero carbon footprint. The students toured the facility and were able to see operations management in action. In October, Bonnie hosted two trustees, Ron Scheese '83 and Sharon Minnich '92, in her Management of Information Systems class. The students were presenting the social media analytics they generated from the digital social media marketing collaboration projects.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

- This fall and spring we are joined by **Jonathan Geruntho**, Ph.D. ('10) who taught organic chemistry I in the fall and will teach general analytical chemistry in the spring. We are also enjoying a second year with Ryan Ludwig, Ph.D. who is teaching instrumental analysis in the fall and physical chemistry II and general analytical chemistry II in the spring.
- The Department hosted 5 seminars/experience events in the fall including 2 the pertained to food chemistry and one from the Chemical Heritage Foundation that was at the interface of chemistry and art. That speaker also spent time with the art students during her day visit. Matt Sonntag, Ph.D. rounded out the series by giving a seminar concerning his research with Albright students. Matt was also invited to give a similar talk at Villanova University this fall. We have 3 speaker scheduled for the spring including our distinguished speaker, George D. Rose, Ph.D., who is President Fetrow's Ph.D. advisor. Starting in spring 2019, the prominent speaker each year will be named after a distinguished alum of the Department, Donald F. Reinhold, Ph.D. ('44), thanks to a fund set up by his children this fall in memory of him.
- For Interim 2018, we have 6 students participating in research through ACRE or PRF (Piro) funding. Two of the students will be working on their honors research directly. There were 5 students doing independent studies in the fall including lab development and honors research. Two students were doing internships at Reitech Corporation during the fall.

- The department has at least five students applying to doctoral programs for fall 2018.
- In August 2017, **Matt Sonntag** hosted a session at the National ACS Meeting in Philadelphia on “Engaging Undergraduates with Raman Spectroscopy. Nick Piro and his research student, James Allen, attended the Philadelphia Regional Inorganic Colloquium at Swarthmore College. James did a poster presentation of his research work. Ian Rhile has been invited to present at a session to honor his postdoctoral advisor during the spring 2018 ACS National Meeting in New Orleans.
- **Matt Sonntag** and **Nick Piro** have been doing demos for their general chemistry students. Matt also took the show on the road to the preschool class at the Albright Learning Center. He has been there to do demos about 8 times showing these budding scientists some noisy and cold demos among others.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Nine Communications students completed internships under her advisement over the summer and fall. Students served as interns for small businesses, media outlets such as BCTV and WXAC, Albright’s Communications (formerly College Relations and Marketing) Division, and regional organizations such as the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.
- **Heidi Mau** attended New York Comic Con in October and conducted 11 mini-interviews with illustrators that were researched by the DIG 270 Illustration & Design course and were streamed live for those students (and general public) via Periscope and Twitter.
- Mau invited Jordan Boyd as a feature guest lecturer via Skype for the DIG 270 Illustration & Design course. Boyd (Colorist for Marvel, DC, and independent comics) spoke about color theory and the comics industry, demonstrated Photoshop techniques he uses, and answered questions from students.
- Mau is planning a student service project that interacts with local dancers who appeared in the *This is Reading* theatre project. Students from Penn State Berks are working on a writing/story project with the dancers, and the DIG 383 Design II Albright students will be involved in designing the book and perhaps other materials for the story project.
- **Jon Bekken** organized a successful Experience Event screening of the photojournalism documentary *Jim: The James Foley Story*, which also included guest speaker Ellen Shearer from Northwestern University.
- Bekken contributed two book reviews appearing in November (JMCQ) and December (American Journalism), and is revising a chapter for a collection to be published by the University of Illinois Press next year. Oxford University Press has asked Bekken to update and expand his research bibliography on alternative journalism, and he has become designer for the refereed online journal *Teaching Journalism and Mass Communication*, which is releasing its first issue under the new editorial team in December.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Douglas Stenberg** (Education) played Nick Bottom in the Berks County Parks & Recreation Department production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Gring's Mill on June 24 & 25. Kris Savell '18 was the stage manager, and Ben Foreman '19

performed the music. He also facilitated The "Macbeth" Journey at the Writers House of Franklin and Marshall College on July 30, 2016. The session ran for over seven hours and focused primarily on the text, characterization, and major themes. Justin Arguelles, B.A. '99, M.A. '06 and Nichole Barker '16 were the other Albrightians on the team, which was composed of theater people, educators, and Shakespeare enthusiasts.

- **Denise Meister** and **Rodney Warfield** are working with the Teachers in the Park program at Exeter. They are doing the research on the program to provide data that either verifies the work of the teachers or shows that they have a flawed plan. The Teachers in the Park program has gained statewide support from the local State Senator as well as from the State Department of Education. Drs. Meister and Warfield have been able to observe and be present for the news conference this summer (2017). The director, Mr. Matthew Hathaway, has been in close contact with the two researchers. They also have led the Kappa Delta Pi initiations in the Education Honor association this semester.
- **Rodney Warfield** and **Rebecca Lemmel**, Director of the Academic Learning Center, have undertaken research to determine the “grit” of the students on academic probation. The research is following the reading of articles from the University of Pennsylvania and their research conducted by Dr. Angela Duckworth. The work is only in the beginning stages and will hopefully result in work that can be published.
- **Denise Meister** and **Douglas Stenberg** have led the Student Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Education Association this year with many activities.
- **Denise Meister** supported the nomination of and Julianne Lowenstein did receive a \$2000 scholarship from the PASCD. Both attended a conference where Ms. Lowenstein received the award. She also participates in the Ready Set Read program of the Berks County United Way.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- **Artress White** was nominated for a Pushcart Prize for the essay/memoir, "Sonny Boy."
- **Lesley Goodman** presented "'How like a woman you are, mother': New Women and Old Mothers" at the British Women Writers Association Conference: Generations, held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. In the summer she also worked with students on two ACRES, as follows:
 - “Kids These Days: An American Tradition of Ephebiphobia,” with Liz Eberwein (Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Summer Research Grant Recipient)
 - “I, Robot: Exploring the Posthuman in Twentieth- and Twenty-first-Century Literature and Culture,” with Alfonso “David” VargasShe also wrote a review of a *Victorian Pain*, by Rachel Ablow (Princeton, 2017), published in *Choice*, vol. 55, no. 3 (November 2017).
- **Al Cacicedo** will work with **Kyle Bernadyn** on an ACRE project this Interim, concerning itself with metadrama, performativity, and identity formation in *Hamlet*.

DEPARTMENT OF FASHION

- In August the department hosted the first **Summer Fashion Studio** for high school students. Eleven high school students from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and

New Jersey, attended the first-ever Summer Fashion Studio at Albright College. During the five-day camp, students explored design concepts, illustration, computer aided design, merchandising, and created their own “Alternative Creations” which were on display during a runway fashion show for family members. The workshops were led by **Doreen Burdalski, Paula Trimpey, MeeAe Oh-Ranck, and Amanda Condict**. Albright fashion students, **Carly Jablonski** and **Jay Deschamps**, assisted with the camp. Two students from the camp have already applied to Albright this fall. Because of the popularity and success of the camp, next year’s camp has been scheduled and an additional day has been added.

- In October, the department provided an overview of the Fashion program and high-impact practices (e.g., internships, ACRE, and study abroad) during the “Academic Spotlight” at the Albright **October Board of Trustees meeting**. The Fashion Department filled the Board meeting room with many examples of student work including issues of the *Fashion Lion* and sample garments created by students. For four years in a row, our Fashion Merchandizing program has been ranked in the top 25 nationally among similar programs at liberal arts colleges (fashion-schools.org).
- In November, the department hosted its fifth annual **Business of Fashion Forum**. Eight industry executives shared their knowledge and experiences with Albright students during one hour workshops held throughout the day. They executives included Tamara Aguilar, Store Manager at Ann Taylor, Marijean Jerrell, Design Consultant, Keri Lebuski ’08, Programming Strategist at QVC, Melissa McGraw ’95, Consultant and Owner of The Creative Potential, Jovan O’Connor, Owner and Design of Jovan O’Connor Studio, Inc., Stephanie Reyes ’14, Lead Fashion Stylist at Boscov’s Photography Studio, Katherine Scheese, Founder and Owner of From the Heart Consignment Shop, and Patrick Wilson, Owner and Designer for pcb designs, a luxury menswear brand. The day ended with a keynote speech from Rebecca Kita, Vice President of Sales at Carolina Herrera. Forty Five students attended the event.
- In November, the department hosted its third **Fashion Group International(FGI) Spring 2018 Fashion Trend** presentation. Students and interested community members enjoyed the FGI video. After the presentation, Doreen Burdalski, led a Q&A discussion with Julie Cleaver ’01, owner of Bella Jules boutique in West Reading, and Albright students.

Student Accomplishments

- **Jennifer Ranieri ’17**, returned to campus to design the costumes for the Theatre production, *Almost Maine*. The show will premier in spring 2018.
- **Lindsey Jones**, completed and presented her ACRE project, “Classical Ballet Tutu Construction”, with Paula Trimpey. Lindsey’s tutu was displayed in the foyer of Alumni Hall and also presented at the Board of Trustees meeting in October.
- **Paul Cieri**, along with Professor Doreen Burdalski, was awarded a 1/2 ACRE grant for Interim 2018. His proposed research, “Where are the Fashion Police? The Effects of US Copyright, Patent and Trademark legislation on Fashion Design” will explore current legislation and specific fashion cases that have passed through the court systems in the US.

- Club Vogue Students, **Valerie Iacovino, Mackenzie Bowes, Madison Rivers, Anita Oskowiak, Stephanie Bach, Kayla Geary, William Hill, and Morgan Gilbert**, met weekly with 4th graders at the 13th and Union School to teach them about art. Using themes of various cultures, the students presented projects that introduced the 4th graders to Native American tribes, Italy, India, France and Mexico.
- Eight fashion and costume students completed and presented their internship experiences. They included **Gabrielle Anello**, Boscov's, **Samantha Crowley**, Sorrelli Jewelry, **Devan Galan**, Have a Heart Consignment Shop, **William Hill**, Zoi PR Agency, **Linsdey Jones**, Utah Shakespeare Festival, **Amanda Long**, pcb designs, **Ashley Sheppard**, Dress Barn, and **Caroline Winterle**, Boscov's Photography Studio. Congratulations to Caroline Winterle and Lindsey Jones who were offered full time positions after graduation!
- **Carly Jablonski** and **Jay Deschamps** assisted the fashion faculty with the **Summer Fashion Studio** for high school students. Their positive attitude and friendly demeanor was valuable in the success of the studio.

Faculty Accomplishments

- Fashion Group International Philadelphia invited **Doreen Burdalski** (Fashion) to work with Kevin Parker, Co-CEO and producer of Philly Fashion Week LLC, to develop a student runway show/design competition to be a part of Philly Fashion Week in 2018. In addition, Doreen was asked to serve on the Executive Board of Fashion Group International Philadelphia for the upcoming year. Also, in November, Doreen attended the "SAS Retailing Analytics" workshop at Drexel University.
- **Damayanthie Eluwawalage** delved into aviator fashion on WAMC's The Academic Minute public radio program in July 2017. "Damayanthie Eluwawalage, Albright College – Aviator Fashion" <https://academicminute.org/2017/07/damayanthie-eluwawalage-albright-college-aviator-fashion/>. In addition, Damayanthie has received a LancasterHistory.org NEH Fellowship for her research project on *History of Costume: The Consumption and Governance of Attire in the State of Pennsylvania*.
- **MeeAe Oh-Ranck** (Fashion) attended the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Educator Forum in Savannah, GA, which provided the opportunity to meet other researchers and professors working toward the goal of being responsible players in the ever-evolving world of Fashion and Design. In addition, her research, "Ethical and Social Responsibility Concerns Addressed with Digital Printing Techniques" was presented by **Sara O. Nelson**, at the 43rd Costume Society of America's National symposium in Portland, ME, May 29-June 4.
- **Paula Trimpey**, guided Lindsey Jones in her ACRE, "Classical Ballet Tutu Construction." Their work was on display in the foyer of Alumni Hall and was also presented at the Albright Board of Trustees meeting in October.
- In September, **Amanda Condict** curated and exhibited at Clay On Main, a non-profit art studio in Oley PA. The exhibit, "Reflections II Women Viewing

Women”, featured a group of female artists who used women as their subject matter,

- In October, full-time faculty members, **Doreen Burdalski** and **MeeAe Oh-Ranck** and part-time faculty members, **Amanda Condict** and **Denise Shade** attended the “Fashion and Media Conference” at Drexel University.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- The Fall 2017 semester was very busy for the History department, despite the drop in overall college enrollments. The major is healthy, and recently-declared majors have replenished the slight decline following last year's graduation. All History-taught courses offered ran either at capacity, or above the 14:1 ratio. Another four were taught as SYN or FYS. Two independent studies also ran.
- The department is taking steps to reach out to students interested in history through extra-curricular activities, including for students now living in the History House that opened this fall. Budgetary constraints are limiting extra-curricular opportunities, however, since the department also had to accept a 20% cut in its budget this year.
- Due to the financial situation, it has also not been possible (thus far) to renew the flagship tenure-track position (20th-century US) vacated last year by Mason Williams. Our temporary solution, reached thanks to the assistance of Prof. Aquino in the SPS, is limited in time and span.
- Despite the bleak financial and position outlook, members continue to apply themselves to helping students succeed and to contribute to the community, both on campus and around Reading. Our major numbers are holding steady. All members of the department serve on elected committees and on assigned administrative spots.
- In terms of scholarly activities, due to the heavy teaching loads, limited opportunities exist outside of the summer months to progress in one's research. However, members of the Department published several refereed articles or chapters, half-a-dozen book reviews, and attended several conferences, while serving on editorial boards, review committees, or as external reviewers.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

- Math Colloquium: "Introduction to Knot Theory"
Speakers: Samantha Pezzimenti & Hannah Schwartz (Bryn Mawr College)
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Senior Seminar Projects:
Zermelo-Fraenkel Set Theory
Singular Value Decomposition
Cryptography and RSA encryption
Game Theory
The Collatz Conjecture
Trees
Multiple Regression
Continued Fractions
- Problem of the month contest - all semester.
- Math club meetings: "Hidden Figures", Game night: Set

- Prof. Catone and Shelton were participants and session organizers at the MAA EPaDel meeting at Shippensburg University, November 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Scholarly Activity:

- **Lennie Amores** presented a paper titled "Resistance to Remanufacturing in Fernando León de Aranoa's *Los lunes al sol*" at the 2017 Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.
- **Arcana Albright** presented a paper entitled "Literature in an Age of Screens: Jean-Philippe Toussaint's Literary Project(ion)s" at the University of Pennsylvania's "Colloquium to Honor Professor Gerald Prince: 50 Years at Penn." <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/french/events/colloquium-honor-professor-gerald-prince-50-years-penn>
- **John Incledon's** article, "Trauma, Memory and Self-Creation in *Pan's Labyrinth*," will appear in *Memory in World Cinema*, edited by Dr. Nancy Membrez (McFarland Publishing, 2018).

Experience Events:

- Hispanic Heritage Month 2017
 - Films (part of World Languages Film Festival)
 - *3 bellezas/3 Beauties*. September 18, 7:00 p.m. Discussion after the film was led by **Amanda Hanincik**, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, and **Samantha J. Wesner**, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Gable Health Center, and **Janice Rodríguez**, Instructor of Spanish.
 - *También la lluvia/Even the Rain*. September 26, 7:00 p.m. Discussion after the film was led by **David Osgood**, Professor of Biology, and **Lennie Amores**, Assistant Professor of Spanish.
 - *Guaraní*. October 4, 7:00 pm. Discussion after the film was led by **Carlos Dimas**, Assistant Professor of History and Latin American Studies, and **Karen Jogan**, Professor of Spanish.
 - *Pelo malo/Bad Hair*. October 10, 7:00 pm. Discussion after the film was led by **Katherine Lehman**, Associate Professor of Communications, and **Andrea Olivares Beltrán**, Visiting Instructor of Spanish.
 - *Aquí y allá/Here and There*. October 19, 7:00 pm. Discussion after the film was led by **Elizabeth Kiester**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and **Janice Rodríguez**, Instructor of Spanish. (The Spanish Film Club series was made possible with a grant from Pragma, SPAIN arts & culture and the Secretary of State for Culture of Spain.)
 - "A Colombian Education: Cultural Foundations." October 25, 6:30 pm. Public lecture by **Andrea Olivares**, Visiting Instructor of Spanish.
- French Week 2017
 - *Le Bonheur d'Elza/Elza*. October. 23, 7:00 pm. Discussion after the film was led by Arcana Albright, Associate Professor of French.

- “The French Education System: Cultural Specificities and National Challenges.” November 9, 7:00 pm. Public lecture by **Chloé Grosse**, Visiting Instructor of French.
- Additional Experience Event:
 - “Spain and Catalonia: Where Do They Go from Here?” November 30, 7:00 pm. Public lecture by **Luca Bazzi Otero**, Visiting Instructor of Spanish.

Applied for student Fulbright awards (notification this spring):

- **David Vargas** – English Teaching Assistant, Spain
- **Kristina Goshorn** - English Teaching Assistant, Argentina
- **Julianne Lowenstein** - English Teaching Assistant, France
- **Savannah Peck**, Master’s Degree in Business Music, University of Sheffield UK
- **Eric Hantz**, Master’s Degree in Molecular Medicine from Charité Universitätsmedizin, Berlin, Germany.

Teaching Innovations:

- Advanced Spanish students in **Karen Jogan’s** SPA 321 class participated in a conversation exchange with students from UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico).
- **María Meléndez** had her students in Spanish 203 and Spanish 301 use their Spanish skills to “participate (in learning communities) beyond the classroom”. For that purpose, they completed ten hours of volunteer work at 13th and Union Elementary School, Northeast Middle School and 11th and Pike Public Library. They helped children get better adjusted to the educational setting by offering tutoring services in homework centers, in ESL classes, and in the Ready, Set, Read Program. They also served as mentors and translators for parent-teacher conferences.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

- MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS – December 2017
 - Music Department and Theater collaborated to present **CANDIDE** the first week of November
 - Albright Angels and Mane Men recorded a Christmas CD presently for purchase
 - Big Cat Jazz Ensembles Concert – November 18
 - Albright College Symphonic Band Concert - November 19
 - Sunday Sinfonia at Albright College Concert – November 20
 - Albright Angles and Mane Men performed at Stoudtburg Village holiday event - December 2
 - Sounds of the Season Choral Concert – December 9
 - Student Recital – December 10
 - Reading Samba School:
 - Reading Samba School led the inauguration’s recessional to the afternoon’s festivities.
 - Reading Samba School performed for the Reading Holiday Parade representing the instrumental ensembles at Albright College.

- Reading Samba School presented a world music masterclass for Reformation Lutheran Church.
- Reading Samba School hosted a large scale community event called Samba with Santa, that brought more than 300 community members to campus to take pictures with Santa and enjoy live music performed by Albright College's finest musicians.
- Reading Samba School won two local arts grants to assist in funding future projects that bring the Reading community together to celebrate cultural music. These grants are the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Grant from Berks Arts Council and Reading Musical Foundation Special Projects Grant.
- Albright Idol hosted music industry professionals to provide guidance and advice for our local performing artists.
- A.J. Merlino presented a clinic/masterclass at Kutztown University on the topic 'The New Music Business: Integrating Traditional Music Education into the Commercial Music Experience'. A.J. Merlino's band, Remember Jones, performed for the inauguration.
- Remember Jones sold out the historic Stone Pony in Asbury Park, New Jersey (1,000 attendees). Remember Jones released a new single, 'Ain't that a Kick in the Head?' from their upcoming EP which celebrates Dean Martin's 100th birthday with Deana Martin (Dean's daughter) featured on the album.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Faculty News

- **Carrie Skulley** published her paper, "You Should Smile More!' Gender and Press Coverage of Candidates During the 2016 Presidential Primary," in *Unconventional, Partisan, and Polarizing Rhetoric: How the 2016 Election Shaped the Way Candidates Strategize, Engage, and Communicate*, an edited volume published by Lexington Books. She will also be conducting an ACRE with a student over the interim that explores media influence, religiosity, and voter perceptions of the Trump Administration.
- **Michael Armato** has been working on a book proposal for a work that studies progressives in the Hudson Valley of New York. This includes crafting an introductory chapter for the work. He has also been gathering data for a research article on Pennsylvania school board elections.
- **Irene Langran** delivered the Public Health keynote address to the Freedoms Foundation Service Learning in Public Policy Program. The program, held in August, challenges students to explore issues in public policy.

Brogan Scholars Fund

- This year the Political Science Department is working with the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center to launch the Brogan Scholars Endowed Internship Fund. Named after Dr. Thomas Brogan, a Political Science faculty member for 35 years, this fund will provide students a stipend to pursue unpaid policy or government related internship (including in the judiciary) in Washington, DC, or a suitable agency/community organization in another location. These are for-credit internships and can take place in any semester.

There are no restrictions concerning the major of any student applying for this stipend. In conjunction with this effort, in October John McAllister '94, managing partner of McAllister & Quinn, met with students to discuss the Capitol Hill Program in more detail.

Events

- **Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story**
September 21, 2017
5:00-6:00 pm, Science Lecture Hall
 - Fred Korematsu was probably never more American than when he resisted, and then challenged in court, the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Korematsu lost his landmark Supreme Court Case in 1944, but never his indignation and resolve. *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* is the untold history of the 40-year legal fight to vindicate Korematsu—one that finally turned a civil injustice into a civil rights victory. This event was held in honor of Constitution Day.
- **Spancake Annual Lecture on Political Discourse in America.**
September 19, 2017
4:30 p.m. McMillan Student Center
 - The Inaugural Spancake Lecture on Political Discourse took place in September of this year. Dr. Matthew Levendusky of the University of Pennsylvania presented his latest book, *How Partisan Media Polarize America*. Approximately 120 people attended this Experience Event including members of the public. Dr. Levendusky presented an unbiased approach to illustrating the impact of the media we consume in fashioning political discourse in the United States, and ultimately, serving as an agent of political socialization that stimulates extreme partisanship. He lamented that, unfortunately, this media mitigates the ability of extreme partisans to even converse with each other.
- **The Rwandan Genocide: A Survivor's Story**
November 28, 2017
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., CFA 235
 - In 1994, Eugenie Mukeshimana survived the Rwandan genocide by hiding with her infant daughter, who she gave birth to during the genocide. In 2010, she founded the Genocide Survivors Support Network, a nonprofit organization that provides support to genocide survivors and educates communities about genocide. In this public event she shared her story of surviving the genocide and what this can teach us about justice, forgiveness, gender-based violence, and how we remember and memorialize human rights abuses. Attendance at this event was high and indeed students were turned away due to limits on the room's 105 person capacity.

Curricular Notes

- The Department added a Political Science minor and added a new senior seminar: Globalization, Health and Environment. This seminar is open to Political Science, International Relations, and Public Health students.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Events

- On September 28, 2017, Anthea Butler (associate professor of religious studies and Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania) gave the 16th annual James J. Gallagher Memorial Lecture. Her talk was entitled “But Her Emails: Women, Religion, and Politics in the 2016 Election—Where Do We Go from Here?”
- On October, 25, 2017 the Religious Studies Department sponsored the Experience Event, “A Grave Situation” with a lecture by Anna Dhody, Curator of Philadelphia's Mutter Museum and Director of the Mutter Institute. Her lecture presented the discovery of the First Baptist Cemetery of Philadelphia, the legal struggle to protect and preserve the human remains, and what she hoped would come of the legal battle.
- Samuel Rogers (Senior), and Khoi Luong (Senior), have been inducted into the Religious Studies National Honor Society, Theta Alpha Kappa.

Accomplishments:

- **Jennifer L. Koosed**, published a new book this summer, *Reading the Bible as a Feminist*. Brill Research Perspectives; Biblical Interpretation. Leiden: Brill, 2017. She also chaired the open section of “Reading, Theory and the Bible” at the SBL National Conference in November. In addition, Dr. Koosed serves on the “Gender Sexuality and the Bible” group for AAR.
- **Robert Seesengood**, published his new book, *Philemon: Imagination, Labor and Love*. T & T Clark Study Guides to the New Testament. New York: Bloomsbury, 2017. He also presented, “Scary Stories: Apocalypse, Conspiracy, Horror and Affect,” for the Theology and Religion Reflection Unit panel on Conspiracy, Affect and Apocalypse at the AAR National Conference in November. In addition, Dr. Seesengood serves as the co-chair on the “Reading Theory and the Bible” group, and is a member of the “Animals and the Bible” group for AAR.
- **Samira Mehta’s** new monograph, *Chiasmukkah: Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families in the United States* is currently available for pre-order. It is due out from the University of North Carolina Press on March 26th. A book release party is planned for April 29th. Dr. Mehta also completed her David B. Larson Fellowship in Health and Spirituality by presenting the results of her research at the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress on November 2nd. The title of her presentation was “Morality, Contraception, and Religion in Post-War America.” This November Prof. Mehta presented “Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian Jewish Interfaith Families,” as part of the Childhood Studies and Religion panel at the Aar National conference in November. In addition she launched an AAR Seminar group called “Religions and Families in North America.” AAR Seminar groups are collaborative scholarly communities that run for 5 years with the ultimate goal of publication, in this case a collection of essays.
- **Victor Forte** published an article titled, “Making Mettā: The Poesis of Wholesome States Among Homeleavers in the Pali Canon,” in *The Poesis of Peace: Narratives, Cultures, and Philosophies*, Routledge 2017. He has also completed his article, “Buddhist Nationalism and Marginalizing Rhetoric in a

Dependently Originated World,” for inclusion in an upcoming 2018 volume, *Borders/Debordering: Topologies, Praxes, Hospitableness*.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

- The Theatre Department once again had a vibrant Fall semester. We kicked off the year with our first Alumni Festival – “Stars of the Albright Stage.” We welcomed back over a dozen alums, who shared their experiences in a series of forums about life after Albright (and how to prepare for that life while you’re still here). The festival was anchored by five performances
 - *The Last Emperor of Mexico* by **Chris Davis ’04**;
 - *She Gon’ Learn* by Lisa Strum ’97; a production of Nick Payne’s
 - *Constellations*, which was the culmination of a summer ACRE project with **Connor McLaughlin ’19**, **Natalie Torpey ’19**, and **Jeffrey Lentz**; an Albright Improv Reunion Show; and a newly devised piece created by alums and current students.
 - The Albright Sketch Society produced *Unwrapped Candy: A Halloween Spooktacular* in October, while the Domino Players Studio produced their annual new play festival in November – featuring brand new student written plays by **Alex Hermans ’20**, **Alyssa Sherman ’19**, and **Connor McLaughlin ’19**.
 - Our mainstage production of Leonard Bernstein’s *Candide*, directed by **Jeffrey Lentz**, was a visual spectacle of “the best of all possible worlds.” As always, Albright Improv was active, with eight shows this semester – from a show on the first day of the semester for the Class of 2021 to a show on the last day, their fall finale *Exquisite: Black Tie Optional*.
 - Our nationally recognized chapter of Artists Striving to End Poverty continued their great work with the Olivet Boys & Girls Club, and hosted several “First Friday” open arts events. They teamed up with **Matt Fotis** and Albright Improv to hold improv workshops for the 3rd graders at 13th & Union Elementary School this November – it certainly was a “Yes, And” event!
 - Two of our students spent the semester away from Albright – **Nathan Rothermel ’17** studied theatre and arts as part of the London Arts Program, while **Ean Ammerman ’17** honed his theatrical skills at the National Theatre Institute at the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Also see the CFA calendar for current exhibits and upcoming performing arts events, the Experience Event calendar, and the Albright website calendar for additional events.

March

- **Faculty Meeting:** Wednesday, March 7, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge
- **Facul-Tea:** Samira Mehta; Thursday, March 8, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Spring Break:** Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16
- **Yashek Lecture Series:** Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., TBD
- **Chemistry and Biochemistry Lecture Series:**
Thursday, March 22, 4:30 p.m., Science Center 256
Speaker: Patricia Darrah, Ph.D. '94, Staff Scientist, National Institutes of Health
Presentation: TBA
- **Teaching and Learning Conversation:** Friday, March 23, 3:00 p.m., Faculty Club
- **Faculty Forum:** Monday, March 26, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge – Fireside
- **College Closed:** Friday, March 30

April

- **Facul-Tea:** Carlos Dimas; Thursday, April 5, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference:** Saturday, April 7, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Kutztown University
- **Music Business Forum:** Saturday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Roessner Hall
- **Faculty Meeting:** Wednesday, April 11, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge
- **Facul-Tea:** Beth Kiester; Thursday, April 12, 4:00 p.m., Library
- **Teaching and Learning Conversation:** Friday, April 20, 2:00 p.m., Faculty Club
- **Faculty Forum:** Monday, April 23, 4:00 p.m., Campus Center South Lounge – Fireside
- **Chemistry and Biochemistry Lecture Series:** Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall
Speaker: George Rose, Ph.D., Krieger-Eisenhower Professor Emeritus and Research Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Public Lecture: *Thinking About Thinking: Modeling Reality*
- **Chemistry and Biochemistry Lecture Series,** Tuesday, April 24, 12:00 p.m., Science Center 256
Speaker: George Rose, Ph.D., Krieger-Eisenhower Professor Emeritus and Research Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Research Colloquium: *Protein Folding: Non-Specific Interactions Promote Highly Specific Chain Organization*
- **Honors Presentations:** Monday, April 30, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mezzanine

Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
at the March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959