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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Kavita Daiya** (NEH) applied for and won a small grant to host a symposium at Albright College. It is an "Affiliated Faculty Grant" in the amount of $975 to support three speakers’ travel and honorarium as part of a symposium “Partition and Politics in Contemporary South Asia: Literature and History” from the Department of South Asia Studies and the South Asia Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Their goal is to support faculty and/or student-led activities relating to South Asia on our campus. These grants are designed to build interest in South Asia programming in colleges and universities in the greater Delaware region.

**Julia Heberle** (Psychology) was accepted to present her poster entitled "The Use of Salon to Promote Student Engagement" at the annual meeting of Association for Psychological Science's preconference on the Teaching of Psychology, in Chicago this May.

**Brian Jennings** (Sociology) and **Karen Campbell** (Biology) presented “Developing Interdisciplinary Content that Meets the Needs of the Student and the Institution” at the 27th Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean in Las Cruces, NM.

**John Morgan**'s (ADP Philosophy) book, *Awakening the Soul*, a collection of daily thoughts from many world traditions, has been reissued by Wipf and Stock publishers. It initially was published by Skinner House Books, an imprint of the Unitarian Universalist Association. It is available from the publisher or on Amazon.

**David Tran** (Business, Accounting and Economics) published his article “Organizational Ambidexterity in Small Firms: The Role of Top Management Team Behavioral Integration and Entrepreneurial Orientation” in the *Journal of Business and Economic Policy*.

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Middle States update:** Please take a few minutes to respond to the faculty survey from the Middle States teams, who are working diligently drafting sections of the self-study.

**Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

**St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon:** The annual faculty St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 21 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Club.
Save the date.

Monday, April 4: The 3rd annual Berks County Bar Association Lecture will be held in Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m. This year’s lecture is entitled Under the Bus: How Working Women Are Being Run Over. Our speaker is Caroline Frederickson, president of the American Constitution Society. Ms. Frederickson has been published on a wide range of legal and constitutional issues and is a frequent guest on television and radio. She has a long history with both NGOs and in federal affairs as chief of staff to two senators and as a special assistant to President Clinton on legislative affairs.

Wednesday, April 6: Dean’s Seminar on approaches to the Interim term, 4-5:30 in the Campus Center South Lounge.

Thursday, April 7: The 16th Annual Hurwitz Lecture with literary and cultural critic William Deresiewicz, 4-5:30 in the Campus Center South Lounge.

Saturday, April 16: The Higher Education Council of Berks County will hold the 17th annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference at Alvernia University. Presentation formats will include oral, poster, visual artwork, performance and film. More information and registration can be found at http://www.alvernia.edu/hecbc/index.html.

Thursday, May 26: The Fourth Annual Teaching and Learning Showcase and Workshops will be held. Details to follow.

Faculty performance and evaluation deadlines:
- June 8, 2016: Materials due to department chairs
- June 15, 2016: Materials due to provost from department chairs or from faculty submitting directly to provost


Note from the Provost
I would like to thank everyone for your very warm welcome, as well as your continued advice and patience as I learn about Albright and how best to support you and our learning community. And a special thanks to Joe Thomas, an amazing advocate for our faculty, who has been so generous and informative as we continue the transition process in the Provost’s Office.

I hope you will take the opportunity to come by and introduce yourself at my open office hours, which initially will vary each week in day, time, and venue. If those are not convenient for you, please contact Karen Shuker and we can find another mutual time to meet. In addition to your insights on how things work at Albright, I welcome the many suggestions I am getting on Reading and the region, from places to live to good restaurants and community activities to get involved in. In my first two weeks here I have attended many meetings, listened, asked lots of questions, read a number of Albright policies and documents, and learned a lot (but there is so much more to learn!); I have also collected three green Experience Program cards and am working on achieving a diverse set of experience cards by the end of my first semester here. I am very pleased to be here and am grateful for your support. -- Mary McGee