PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check out the Provost’s Bulletin Board in the back entrance to the Administration building, which now features a display of book covers from publications by our faculty.

At Opening Convocation in August, I invited everyone in attendance to write a goal for the year. You were then asked to put your goal in an envelope, which you sealed and signed, and then returned to us for safe keeping, with the promise that I would return this envelope to you near the end of the year. Most new students did this, as did a number of faculty and staff and some of our trustees. Did you set such a goal? Can’t remember? We will be giving back the Annual Goal envelopes from Convocation on Tuesday, April 25, from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in the Campus Center. I expect there will be some surprises for members of our community as they read the goal they set for themselves. -- Mary

Mellon Foundation Humanities Lecture – Learning from Mandela
Wednesday, April 5, 4:30 p.m., Wachovia Theatre
Prof. Rita Barnard, Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania will discuss how interdisciplinary humanistic study is essential to understanding a leader like Mandela. Dr. Barnard also serves as director of the Undergraduate Program in Comparative Literature at Penn, and is the author of The Great Depression and the Culture of Abundance and Apartheid and Beyond: South African Writers and the Politics of Place.

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- **Middle States Team Visit**: April 3-5
- **Mellon Foundation Humanities Lecture**, Wednesday, April 5; 4:30 p.m. Wachovia Theatre
- **ADP Academic Honor Society Induction Ceremony & Cohort Completion Dinner**: Saturday, April 8
- **New Faculty Discussion Group**: Monday, April 10, 4-5 p.m., Faculty Club
- **Edible Book Contest**: Wednesday, April 12, Gingrich Library
- **Faculty Meeting**: Wednesday, April 12, 4-5:30 p.m., CCSL
- **Opening Reception for ‘Til Death Do Us Part**: Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Gingrich Library
- **17th Annual Hurwitz Lecture**: Thursday, April 20, 4:00 p.m., CCSL (more info below)
- **Teaching & Learning Conversations**: Friday, April 21, 2-3:30 p.m., Faculty Club
- **18th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference**: Saturday, April 22, Penn State-Berks
- **April Faculty Forum** (Topic TBA): Monday, April 24, 4-5:30 p.m., CCSL-F
- **Annual Goal Give-Back**: Tuesday, April 25, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Dining Hall Entrance

By recording your dreams and goals on paper, you set in motion the process of becoming the person you most want to be. Put your future in good hands — your own. --Mark Victor Hansen
FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Joe Cunningham (Accounting) has been invited to the 5th annual NASBA Data Summit to be held in Philadelphia, PA on June 21 and 22. The event is a forum for discussion on CPA Exam data held by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. The purpose of the summit is to identify and employ best practices in the use of data for the preparation of CPA Exam candidates and analysis of the profession. Representatives from 15-20 universities, the AICPA, Boards of Accountancy, AACSB, state societies and firms will be in attendance.

Damayanthe Eluwawalage (Fashion) presented a research paper titled “Everyday Technologies from Space: Researching NASA Space Suit Design Concepts, Theories, and Applications” at the 11th International Conference on Design Principles and Practices (Conference Theme: “Design for the Global Village”), George Brown College, Toronto, Canada, March 2-4, 2017. The space suit is a popular symbol for man’s ventures into space. The presentation explored the history and development of space suits from Mercury to Shuttle Programs. It’s also an investigation of design concepts, theories and applications in the context of practicality and effectiveness that can be applicable to any functional, sports apparel, protective and active clothing.

Matt Fotis (Theatre) presented his paper “Sketch Comedy in the Age of Trump, or, A Liberal Non-Tenured Snowflake Does a Sketch Revue in a Not-so-Safe Space at His ‘Liberal’ Arts College” at the Mid America Theatre Conference in Houston, TX. As part of the Playwriting Symposium at MATC, he served as a director, dramaturg, and actor for several new plays. He was also recently named an Affiliated Writer with The Playwright’s Center in Minneapolis.

Teresa Gilliams (English) presented a paper titled "Cultivating 'Prisoners of Hope' in the First Year Seminar" on March 24, 2017 at the recent Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Brian Jennings (Sociology and Environmental Studies), presented a paper titled “Successes and Challenges Working With Students With Special Needs in Ecuador” at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean in Xalapa, Mexico on February 18, 2017. The paper explored the need for the creation of better guidelines, procedures, and best practices for working with students with both physical and social emotional disabilities. He presented in conjunction with Araceli Masterson-Algar (Augustana College), Carolina Bown (Salisbury University), and Mark Odenwelder (Centers for Interamerican Studies).

Karen Jogan (Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures) chaired the Middle States Evaluation Team for the American University of Puerto Rico in March.

Beth Kiester (Sociology) and Emma Musto '17 presented their ACRE research “Understanding the Impact of Religious Perspectives and State Policy on Attitudes Towards LGBTQ Individuals” at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings in Philadelphia, PA on Feb 25, 2017.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) was elected the President of the MidAtlantic Society of Biblical Literature. She was also one of 100 religious studies scholars picked to send a letter to the Trump administration and Congress as part of the American Values Religious Voices project. Her letter was sent March 21, 2017.

Samira Mehta (Religious Studies) received a fellowship to participate in a workshop on “Teaching Interfaith Understanding.” The workshop, sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Interfaith Youth Core, will be held at DePaul University in June of 2017. “Teaching Interfaith
Understanding" is designed to "broaden faculty members’ knowledge and perspective to help them strengthen the teaching of interfaith understanding, develop new courses and other resources, and encourage the development of an expanding network of faculty members who are committed to teaching this subject.” Samira was also accepted into the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion’s Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent, which will meet three times over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year.

**John C. Morgan** (ADP Philosophy) has had three recent articles published in *The Herald*, the oldest continuously published liberal religious magazine in North America. The articles: *The Power and Perils of Silence*, *What Is Truth*, and *Marks of Civil Discourse*.

**Rob Seesengood** (Religious Studies) wrote the featured review of Maia Kotrosits’s *Rethinking Early Christian Identity* for the review section of *Bible and Critical Theory* 13.1. He also presided over two New Testament panels at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Society of Biblical Literature in New Brunswick, NJ, March 16-17.

A new feature length, “non-documentary” film essay about the work of American Artist and Filmmaker, Jack Smith, directed by Jerry Tartaglia ’72, (English), will have its premiere screenings at Anthology Film Archives in NYC on April 22nd and 23rd. For more information about the film, *Escape From Rented Island: The Lost Paradise of Jack Smith*, go to: http://www.jerrytartaglia.com/escape-from-rented-island. If any member of the Albright community would like to attend the premiere, please contact Jerry directly to be placed on the guest list.

**IN OTHER FACULTY NEWS:**

- **Carlos Dimas**, Assistant Professor of History and Latin American Studies, and his wife Lili welcomed Penelope Violet on November 14, 2016. Congratulations to Carlos and Lili on the birth of their daughter!
- **Michael Armato**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and his wife Gina welcomed Zachary Hudson Armato on March 24. Congratulations to Michael and Gina on the birth of their son!

**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Hunter Ahrens ’18, is the recipient of a Campus Compact 2017 Newman Civic Fellowship. This award recognizes community-service oriented students representing Campus Compact member colleges and universities from 39 states and Washington, DC. The 2017 Newman Civic Fellows will be the first cohort to experience the fully redesigned fellowship, which provides fellows with a variety of learning and networking opportunities as well as pathways to exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

Gwen Birster ’17 and Natalie Wilson ’17 presented their psychology research, co-authored with Justin Couchman, at the International Convention of Psychological Science in Vienna, Austria on March 24.

Albright College was very well represented at the recent meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston. Three faculty members, Dr. Bridget Hearon, Dr. Lindsay Phillips, and Dr. Julia Heberle and 8 students (Stephanie Michel, Aubrie Potteiger, Shannon O’Hara, Sydney Bayayban, Suzanne Sprouse, Ellen Pillsbury, Tanya Raysor-Winstead and Michelle
Coley-Turner) presented their research. Shannon O'Hara was awarded the PsiChi Regional Research Award at a special reception.

Marc Duffy, a senior history major, read a paper at the annual undergraduate German Studies conference held at Moravian College on April 1. The presentation is based on Marc’s senior honors thesis about Ukrainian collaboration with the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Seventeen ADP Psychology students contributed to research presented at Eastern Psychological Association’s annual convention in March 2017.

Two cohorts presented their class research projects: Blue Bell 14: Christina Fogle, Robin Becker, M. Ross Kaufman, Leslie Dulin, Brian Hulse, Danielle Pitman, and Diane Robertson - Younger Adults More Likely to Drive Distracted than Older Adults and Pottstown 11: Hillary Murdoch, Amanda Eckenrode, Anne Witman, Melanie Wolf, Rebecca Geiser, and Amanda Smith - Gay and Lesbian Parenting Perceptions: Positive Views but Stigma Concerns.

Four recent ADP graduates also presented their individual research projects: Michele Coley-Turner - Happiness, Well-being, and Creativity Are Correlated; Ellen Pillsbury - Gratitude is Associated with Well-Being; T. Renee Raysor-Winstead - Diversity Exposure is Correlated with Positive Perceptions of Transracial Adoptions; and Suzanne Sprouse - Perceptions of Poverty. Lindsay Phillips was the faculty sponsor.

Three Albright students presented papers at the annual LVAIC Undergraduate Women’s and Gender Studies conference on March 25. Kristina Schnell presented "Disproving Myths Surrounding Sisterhood in Nazi Concentration Camps" (part of her honors thesis under the direction of Guillaume de Syon); Nia Henry presented "Crack Cocaine Use and Motherhood: A Balancing Act" (part of her honors thesis under the direction of Brenda Ingram-Wallace); and Angela Espinoza presented “Gender” (a paper she wrote for Fouad Kalouche).

Andy Samuelsen and Steve Mech are taking six biology students to this year’s Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences meeting at King’s College March 31 through April 2. The students will be presenting work produced through independent studies, ACREs, and courses. Emily Phillips ’17 (co-author: S. Mech) will present a talk titled “Comparison of survivorship and botfly infection in white-footed mice in logged and unlogged forest areas”; Tia Camarata ’17 (co-author: A. Samuelsen) will present a poster titled “Designing a binary plasmid that allows inducible non-antibiotic elimination of the host”; Russel Leinbach ’17 (co-authors: Justin Hoffman ’18, Joshua Reeder ’18, and K. Campbell) “The bats of Costa Rica”; Joshua Reeder ’18 (co-authors: Justin Hoffman ’18, Russel Leinbach ’17, and K. Campbell) will present a poster titled “Impact of agricultural practices on bat foraging activity”; Justin Hoffman (co-authors: Joshua Reeder ’18, Kate Leffler ’15, Russel Leinbach ’17, and K. Campbell) will present a poster titled “Monitoring bat activity in Pennsylvania’s national parks: Captures and acoustic monitoring; and Tiffany Frey ’17 (co-authors: Colton Ryan ’16, M. Pizzorno, and A. Hersperger) will present a poster titled “Ectromelia virus accumulates less free double-stranded RNA compared to Vaccinia virus”.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS WITHIN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Albright Early Learning Center

• We are currently enjoying visits from Albright seniors completing their Senior Class Projects with Dr. Couchman. Children in two of preschool classes and our kindergarten class are participating in short experiments with the seniors.
We will be celebrating Chinese Culture Week at the Albright Early Learning Center this week as well. We have invited Dr. Wang and her students to teach us about paper folding and to see how to write Chinese characters.

We are in our accreditation window with the National Association for Young Children (NAEYC). This means that an assessor will come out to our program sometime in the next 15 days to observe our classrooms and our program and classroom portfolios. We are re-accredited every 5 years and submit annual reports to NAEYC. The Albright Early Learning Center is one of only four NAEYC Accredited programs in the Reading area.

In February, the AELC was thrilled to host an ACRE project, wherein Maura Sheehan collaborated with Albright's Domino Players to perform a hilariously interactive experience for the preschool and kindergarten classes about the importance of proper hand-washing and the effects of germs on bodies.

13th & Union Partnership

- The week of March 27 was the last week of Ready. Set. Read!, the Homework Center, and Mentoring at 13th & Union, programs that are supported by many Albright student volunteers. The final activity for the mentors/mentees will be a breakfast at 13th and Union cafeteria on Friday, April 21st.
- Dr. Carlos Dimas will be conducting “Traveling Suitcase” presentations with the students in First Grade during the PSSA window since these students will not have any Gym, Art, Music, or Library classes. Dr. Dimas will be sharing with these students real life items related to a variety of Latin backgrounds.
- Students from 13th & Union Elementary School will be visiting the campus for a variety of field trips and projects during the month of May.
- We are looking for recommendations of students you think would be good mentors next year or students you know that maybe interested in helping with the other programs that the Partnership oversees at the school.
- Finally, we are in the process of screening for a VISTA for our Northeast Middle School partnership. Please feel free to provide us with any recommendations from the Class of 2017.

Gingrich Library

- Help the library support National Library Week and our Edible Books contest on April 12. The contest is open to the entire campus so think about how your department or family can show their creative side and enter. Entry forms are available at the library circulation desk or as a downloadable form at http://library.albright.edu/ediblebooks.
- Lindsay Sakmann, Instruction & Outreach Services Librarian, recently attended the ACRL National Conference in Baltimore. The conference theme was At the Helm: Leading Transformation and sessions included a workshop on the new ACRL information literacy framework. In addition to the conference, Lindsay has created a libguide on Fake News at http://library.albright.edu/fake_news.
- A reception will be held on April 19 at 11:00 am to showcase the marriage certificate collection donated by Attorney Lynne Gold-Bikin ’73. The entire campus is invited to view this unique collection and enjoy cookies, punch and wedding cake. Til Death Do Us Part, an exhibit of marriage licenses selected from the collection, will be on display in the library April 17-May 24.
**ADDITIONAL SPRING EVENT DATES AND DEADLINES**

**17th Annual Hurwitz Lecture**  
**Thursday, April 20 – CCSL; 4:00 p.m.**  
Dr. Mary-Jane Rubenstein will present "The Theo-logics of the Multiverse: On the Entanglement of Religion and Science.” Dr. Rubenstein is Professor and Chair of Religion at Wesleyan University and core faculty in the Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. She holds a B.A. in Religion and English from Williams College, an M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology from Cambridge University, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion from Columbia University, where she also received a Certificate in Comparative Literature and Society. Her research interests include continental philosophy, theology, gender and sexuality studies, and the history and philosophy of cosmology. She is the author of *Strange Wonder: The Closure of Metaphysics and the Opening of Awe* and *Worlds without End: The Many Lives of the Multiverse.*

**18th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference**  
**Saturday, April 22 - Penn State – Berks**  
More information and registration deadlines will soon be posted on their website. Please contact Kim Justeson, kjusteson@alb.edu with questions.

**Fourth Annual Berks County Bar Association Lecture in Contemporary Legal Issues**  
**Monday, April 24 – MPK Chapel**  
Professor James L. Duane of Regent Law School will deliver the annual Berks Bar Association Lecture in Contemporary Legal Issues. He is the author of the best-selling *You Have the Right to Remain Innocent* and is a recognized expert on the law surrounding the Supreme Court’s Miranda ruling, which has its 50th anniversary this year. His talk will be on citizens’ rights with respect to their dealings with law enforcement. Prof. Duane has also taught at William & Mary Law School and as a faculty associate at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**Albright Student Honors and Awards Ceremony:** Sunday, May 7, 3:00 p.m., MPK Chapel

**Campus Farewell Reception for Lex and Dottie McMillan:** Monday, May 8, 3:00-5:00 p.m.,  
Campus Center

**Faculty Meeting:** Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Spring Meeting:** May 11-13.

**Baccalaureate Ceremony:** Saturday, May 20, 4:00-5:00 p.m., MPK Chapel

**Jacob Albright Society Induction and Dinner:** Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m., Dining Hall

**Commencement:** Sunday, May 21, 10:00 a.m., Science Field

**Annual Teaching and Learning Collaboratory:** Wednesday, May 24, 2016, Roessner Hall