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UPCOMING FACULTY MEETING

I hope most of you will be able to join us for the last faculty meeting of the year, which includes a celebration of our retiring faculty colleagues. (I understand that there are some exams scheduled during this same time period, which I regret.) We will gather on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the **Campus Center South Lounge**. In addition to electing a new Faculty Chair, we will also be honoring a number of our colleagues.

Faculty & Staff
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Southern Illinois University Press has issued *An Indispensable Liberty: The Fight for Free Speech in Nineteenth-Century America* (Mary Cronin, editor), which includes Jon Bekken’s (Communications) chapter "No Rights for the Working Man: Laboring before the First Amendment Had Force."

Kavita Daiya (NEH Chair for the Humanities) organized and chaired a Delaware region cross-campus interdisciplinary symposium at Albright, co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, called "Partition Stories: Media, Memory, and Politics in South Asia." The participants included Albright faculty Samira Mehta and Shreyash Palshikar, activist Dr. Guneeta Bhalla, and historians from Drexel University (Debmani Bhattacharyya) and St. Joseph's University (Amber Abbas). She also gave an invited talk on South Asian History and the Politics of Partition at an event "Voices of Partition" co-hosted by Twelve Gates Arts and The 1947 Partition Archive in Philadelphia (April 2016). Her article "The Aesthetics of Decolonization" was accepted for publication in the *MLA Guide to Teaching South Asian Women's Writing*, ed. Deepika Bahri and Filippo Menozzi (forthcoming 2016) and also presented a paper "Division, Displacement and Diasporic Intimacy in Post-45 Asia and Asian America" at the Annual Conference of the Association of Asian American Studies in April 2016, where she also chaired a panel on "Asian American Cultural Productions." She also published an essay "Why Partition survivors in the US believe it's vital to keep talking about the trauma of 1947" in *Scroll* and on May 3, Daiya gave the bi-annual NEH lecture at Albright College: "Four Migration Stories, and Why They Matter."

Guillaume de Syon (History) delivered remarks about postcards as urban markers at a conference on "Airport Cultures" organized by the School of Advanced Study at the University of London on April 29.

Karen Jogan (MFLL) was a member of the Middle States accreditation team in March which visited Universidad de Puerto Rico - Río Piedras. In April, she presented an invited session for the Computers in Language Learning Interest Section of the TESOL International Convention in Baltimore, "Digging Assessment." Also in April, she was a presenter for Penn TESOL East at Community College of Philadelphia, "Philadelphia Museum of Art: Windows of Inspiration for ELLs." In May, she is invited as the opening plenary speaker for the international conference "Towards the Digital Era in Language Teaching" held at Universidad del Valle, Puebla Mexico.

Jeffrey Lentz (Art and Music), was awarded *Outstanding Director of a Play* by the National Judges of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for his work on Bruce Norris's Pulitzer-
Prize winning play, CLYBOURNE PARK. The award was presented at KCACFT’s annual National Festival held at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC on April 16. During the closing ceremonies of the week-long festival, Lentz's production also received three other of the top National Honors including Outstanding Production of a Play, Outstanding Scenic Design (for Cocol Bernal), and Outstanding Actress in a Play (for Natalie Torpey, '20). In addition, four "distinguished awards" were presented to the production for Distinguished Lighting Design (for Wayne Vettleson), Distinguished Actor in a Play (for Billy Balmer, '15), Distinguished Costume Design (for Alixon Kluxen, '16) and Distinguished Work by an Ensemble.

Dorothea Miller (13th & Union Partnership) presented at the Partners for Connection in Education Conference in Cape May, NJ on April 27-29. Her presentation was entitled, “Truly a Partnership! How a College and Elementary School Can Make a Long-term Relationship Work on Both Side of the Street.” The talk highlighted the Albright College and 13th and Union Elementary School Partnership.

Suzanne Palmer (Business) attended the Mid-Atlantic Academy of Legal Studies in Business (MAALSB) 2016 Business Law & Society Conference in New York City where I moderated a session and was elected Vice President of MAALSB.


**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Senior Elementary Education/Spanish major Elizabeth Bengtsson received the prestigious and highly competitive Fulbright award as an English Teaching Assistant for 2016-17 in Andorra. Senior English/Theater major Rachel Roseman is a finalist and alternate for the Fulbright award as an English Teaching Assistant in Luxembourg.

Following is the list of the student presenters at the **HECBC Conference held on April 14, 2016.** Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors!

- Thomas Armstrong
- Toe Aung
- Claire Barnwell
- Sydney Baybayan
- Tyler Bernardyn
- Gwenievere Birster
- Nicholas Brazil
- Stephan Brown
- William Carter
- Jordan Chell
- Rebekah Cineus
- Angela Cremer
- Justin Hoffman
- Samantha Hoplock
- Sara Isgate
- Russell Leinbach
- Leslie Lukow
- Gregory William Lytle
- David McCarrick
- Stephanie Michel
- Sharice Moore
- Shannon O'Hara
- Elizabeth Place
- Aubrie Potteiger
Congratulations to the following seniors for the completion of their honors thesis. Thank you to all of their faculty advisors and readers, as well as the honors committee, including Dr. Chris Catone (honors thesis coordinator) for supporting these students in their achievement of this notable academic accomplishment.

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following colleagues will be on sabbatical fall semester. We wish you significant time for research, reflection, and rejuvenation.

*Jon Bekken*, Communications  
*Brian Jennings*, Sociology
Samira Mehta (Religious Studies) will be on a professional leave for AY 2016-17, pursuing research at the Library Congress, where she will be a Larson Fellow in the John W. Kluge Center. Congratulations on this prestigious fellowship!

GIVE THANKS!
With gratitude to our colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this academic year; you have shaped our Albright learning community in so many significant ways.

Faculty Retirements
Mary Jane Androne, Professor of English: 44 years of service
Dave Martin, Professor of Economics: 33 years of service
Kathy Ozment, Senior Instructor of Spanish: 26 years of service
Joseph Yarworth, Associate Professor of Education: 11 years of service

Staff Retirements
Cindy Becker, Secretary, Career Development/Experiential Learning
Dorothea Miller 13th and Union Coordinator
Nancy Kerper, Secretary, Science Center
Kathryn Joffred, PT Reference Librarian

Leaving to pursue new opportunities
Christopher Graves, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry
William Balmer, Assistant Technical Director
Patricia Bower, Secretary, Fashion and Psychology
Beverly Witte-Mech, Manager of Education Division

Visiting Faculty whose appointments have ended
Charlie Lester, Visiting Professor of History
Christina Andruk, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Biology
Kavita Daiya, Visiting NEH Chair in Humanities
Eileen Wang, Visiting Instructor of Chinese
Lucia Sanchez Munoz, Visiting Instructor of Spanish
Claire Babin, Visiting Instructor of Spanish
Giselle Pisani, Visiting Instructor of Spanish

Update on New Faculty Hires
The following new colleagues will be joining our faculty in August 2016:

Dr. Lennie Amores, Spanish
Dr. Michael Amato, Political Science
Dr. Carlos Dimas, History and Latin American Studies
Dr. Damayanthie Eluwawalage, Fashion
Mr. Brian Glaze, Art
Dr. Lesley Goodman, English
Dr. Denise Meister, Education
Dr. Anthony Merlino, Music
Dr. Daria Newfeld, Finance  
Dr. Mason Williams, History

The searches for Accounting/ADP; Psychology/ADP, Inorganic Chemistry and Postdoctoral Fellow in Chemistry are still ongoing. Thank you to everyone who participated in these searches, which have yielded such impressive new faculty colleagues.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, May 11-17**  
Exam Period

**Wednesday, May 18, 4:00 p.m., Roessner 100**  
Department Chairs Meeting

**Saturday, May 21, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Chapel**  
Baccalaureate Ceremony

**Saturday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. onward**  
**Jacob Albright Scholars Ceremony and Dinner**  
At this event we recognize and induct into the Jacob Albright Society those seniors who have completed requirements for their Albright degree with at least a 3.70 grade point average. RSVP to Karen Shuker at kshuker@alb.edu or extension 7643.

**Sunday, May 22, 10:00 a.m., Science Field**  
Commencement  
We will celebrate graduates from all Albright’s programs at this ceremony. Information about Commencement events, including Baccalaureate, can be found at [http://www.albright.edu/commencement/spring/index.html](http://www.albright.edu/commencement/spring/index.html)

**Wednesday, May 25, Roessner Hall**  
Teaching & Learning Collaboratory  
Albright’s annual Teaching & Learning conference provides a great opportunity for us to learn from and be inspired by each other as we exchange ideas about teaching strategies and innovations. All faculty, administration, and staff are invited to attend this day of conversation and workshops about pedagogy, student learning and instructional technologies. This event is sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee with support from Academic Affairs and IT Services. Workshop and registration details coming soon.

**SAVE THE DATES**

As you plan your summer, please keep in mind the following important events at the start of our 2016-2017 academic year. Additional information about these events will be sent via email.

- **Chairs Retreat:** Monday, August 22, 2016
- **Faculty Retreat:** Wednesday, August 24, 2016
- **Convocation:** Friday, August 26, 2016
- **New Student Welcome Weekend:** August 25-28 2016
- **Classes Start:** Monday, August 29, 2016

Have a fabulous summer! And again, my thanks for your welcome, support, and advice these past three months as I transitioned into the post of Provost. My learning process is continuing and I will still seek and need your guidance. —Mary