Next Faculty Meeting

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

Professional Activities

Bruce Auerbach (Political Science) was invited to serve on the jury of the Intergenerational Justice Prize 2015/16: "Constitutions as fetters? Periodic national assemblies as an empowerment for the next generation.”

Jon Bekken (Communications) will present his paper “‘As They Are Rich and We Are Poor, They Seem to Think That We Are Not Protected by the Constitution’: Labor’s Unsuccessful Fight for the Right to Assemble” at the North American Labor History Conference in Detroit in October. His review of the book “Low Power to the People: Pirates, Protest and Politics in FM Radio Activism” will appear in the next issue of Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly.

Research done by Justin Couchman (psychology), Noelle Miller '14, and John Vasko ’15 was covered by The Conversation and TIME Magazine in a piece titled “Your First Instincts on Multiple Choice Questions Might Not Be Your Best.”

Craig Czury (English) moderated a panel, “Speaking From Below the Surface,” at the 2015 Pennsylvania College English Association’s “The Land Has a Story” conference in Scranton, October 2 & 3. Czury also gave a reading at the PCEA conference from his new book, THUMB NOTES ALMANAC—Hitchhiking the Marcellus Shale. Poetry of place and witness, THUMB NOTES ALMANAC is available at the Albright bookstore or craigczury.com


Guillaume de Syon (History) had two articles published. One, "Les occasions manquées: Albert Einstein et Romain Rolland de la Grande Guerre à l'entre-deux guerres" concerning pacifism in World War I appears in Centenaire d’"Au-dessus de la mêlée" de Romain Rolland . The other, ‘Si ma cuisinière m’était comptée’: Paris Match and the Salon des arts ménagers during the Fourth Republic," examines a 1950s popular weekly's take on kitchen styles and gender roles and appears in Designing the French Interior: Modernity, Design and Media 1770-1970. And for once, neither of these articles has anything to do with airplanes or Nazis (or both.)

Matt Fotis (Theatre) was the Meredith Harmon Sauer Guest Artist at the University of Central Missouri. In addition to a production of his award-winning children's play “Gustav – The Goose Who Wouldn’t Fly,” he presented a playwriting workshop and held a Q&A with the community. Additionally, his play “Hamlet: Episode I” received its world premiere as part of FusionFest.

Chris Graves (Chemistry) published an article "Synthesis and Characterization of Diimine Complexes of Group 13 Metals and Their Catalytic Activity Toward the Epoxidation of Alkenes” in the journal Inorganic Chemistry with former student Connor Koellner ’15.
The settlement of a science-based lawsuit initiated in 2013 by Marsha Green (Psychology) was announced in September, 2013. After a federal judge ruled that the Navy was breaking three federal laws last spring, the Navy has agreed not to conduct harmful sonar exercises in areas biologically important to marine mammals and other endangered species between southern California and Hawaii, an historic and precedent-setting agreement.

A culminating exhibition of work from Wil Lindsay's (Computer Science) Apophenia project will be exhibited at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, from October 9th through the 28th. Apophenia: The Ghost in the Circuit will include print, audio and electronic works from 2012 to 2015. An opening reception will be held in the Center’s Schmidt Gallery on Friday, October 9th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The John Updike Childhood Home board of directors has appointed Maria Mogford (English) to a new position of Education Director. She will work with area teachers to a) create high school curriculum guides meeting Common Core standards for specific works by Updike, b) develop and host teacher workshops for Pa. Act 48 professional credit, and c) create customized school tours of the house with assigned readings and/or activities.

Lindsay Phillips (ADP psychology) has a chapter in press entitled “Empowerment as a Tool for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness,” to be in the edited volume Empowerment: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, Strategies and Psychological Benefits. Coauthors include: Jennifer McIntyre (ADP student), Zach Greth (undergraduate at University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Chris Kichline (ADP graduate and doctoral student at Immaculata University), and Esther Bird (ADP graduate and graduate student at Widener University). She also gave an invited lecture entitled “Empowerment and Overcoming Stigma” for the Fall Series at Berks County National Alliance on Mental Illness.


Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London, has announced that TC Smith's (Political Science) book (with the late Dr. Arnold Miller), 101 Tips for Parents of Children with Autism, will be translated into Chinese and Czech.

Matt Sonntag (Chemistry) and coworkers had a publication accepted in Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters titled "Plasmon Mediated Electron Transport in Tip-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopic Junctions.” A pdf can be found at http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.jpclett.5b01902.

Jerry Tartaglia (English) will present his Digital Cinema program “Queer Theatre and Jack Smith’s Hamlet in the Rented World” at the Julian Schnitzer Museum of the University of Oregon this month. This work was featured in the May 2015 issue of Artforum magazine.

Patricia Turning (History) announces the forthcoming publication of a peer-reviewed article “’And Thus She Will Perish’: A Case of Mariticide in Late Medieval France,” in the collection Murder Most Foul: Medieval and Early Modern Homicide (Boydell and Brewer Press). The work is based upon extensive archival research from Southern France and analyzes the meanings of punishment of
female criminality in the complicated periodization of the medieval/early modern era; it is connected with her new book on the policing of illicit activity and urban space at the end of the Middle Ages.

Lisa Wilder (Economics) presented a paper, “Regional Variation in Socioeconomic Outcomes and Redistribution Preferences in Estonia,” at the First World Congress of Comparative Economic Systems in Rome, Italy. The paper highlights differentials in economic and social outcomes by ethnicity, age and education. She also served as a conference organizer for the 6th Annual Meeting of the Forum for Economists International held in Amsterdam.

PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Searches. The following full-time faculty searches will be undertaken this academic year: Finance, Computer Science, Music Business, Political Science, Art, Spanish, Education, and History. Eight additional requests have been made this fall, as yet unapproved: Business, Latin American Studies, ADP Accounting, Fashion, Sociology, ADP Psychology, and English.

Act 153. As reported previously, PA issued revised guidelines for background checks of those working with minors that exempt most faculty and college employees. However, Albright continues to host occasional dual-enrolled students (high school students concurrently taking a college course for credit), and they can be accommodated only in classes taught by instructors who have completed the background checks. Any faculty member willing to complete Act 153 checks, at the College’s expense, would be appreciated; their courses would be options for dual-enrolled students. If interested, please contact Kim Hubric in HR.

Spring schedule. We are still seeking FYS courses for the spring.

Enrollment/retention. Good news on the enrollment front: our official census number for October 1 is 1733, which while under the original goal of 1775, is considerably better than the adjusted goal of 1713. Retention is also up, which is one reason for this; overall retention is at 81.72% (up 1.36) and freshman fall-to-fall is at 77.59% (up 1.1).

Undergraduate Research resources. Because Albright is an “enhanced” member, the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) offers all faculty members access to its resources; an email from Angela Fonte is forthcoming that will describe how to access them.

Textbooks. A tip from Michele Mislevy: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation hosts a free textbook site: https://openstaxcollege.org/

Upcoming Events:

October 6-8 – 4:30 p.m., Science Hall Room 256
Summer Acre Presentations
October 15 – 4:00-6:00 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall
Annual Gallagher Lecture – Jeff Chu
Jeff Chu, an editor and writer at Fast Company, leads the magazine’s coverage of China, philanthropy, and urban affairs. Before coming to Fast Company, he spent a very long nine months at the now-defunct Conde Nast Portfolio and seven years at Time magazine, where he was a London-based staff writer (his first cover story was on Britney Spears and her Swedish songwriter, Max Martin) and then a New York-based writer and editor. The grandson of a Baptist preacher, he has written and reported extensively on religion, both at Time and at Fast Company.

October 28 – 4:00 p.m., Library Group Study Room B
Wil Lindsay - FaculTea: Apophenia the Ghost in the Circuit

November 7 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Roessner Hall
Business of Fashion Forum