College Announcements

- The Magellan Library, a new resource for students who are planning to complete a Magellan Project, is now open. Located in room 309 on the upper level of the Rossin Campus Center, the library contains more than 100 books related to travel, culture, and language study. Thank you to all faculty and staff members who generously donated these materials as part of the fall semester book drive.

- The February meeting of the Faculty-Staff Book Club, Feb 13 at noon in the Media Room, will discuss “The Rook” by Daniel O’Malley. Future selections include “The Omnivore's Dilemma,” by Michael Pollan (March); “Sharp Objects,” by Gillian Flynn (April); and “Graceling,” by Kristin Cashore (May). Please join us for one or all of these discussions!

- The Take a Walk/Share a Ride program is now underway! Walk, bike or carpool to work 20 times between now and July 1 and your name will be entered into a drawing for one of two $100 Target gift cards. This program is open to all college faculty and staff. Just e-mail jharding@washjeff.edu when you have completed your 20th time. All members of a carpooling team are welcome to participate.

- The Office of Financial Aid will host Student Employment Week April 8-12. Nomination forms will be sent at the beginning of February. Donations and ideas are being accepted! More information will be coming.

- The Olin Fine Arts Center Arts Series continues in February: Oscar® Nominated Short Subjects (Live Action): Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.; (Animated): Saturday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. View the trailer at: http://vimeo.com/58286811. Two complimentary tickets per W&J ID.

- Jennifer Harding, associate professor of English, and Tom Mainwaring, professor of history, have created a self-guided walking tour of sites on campus and downtown highlighting presidential visits in the 19th and 20th centuries. A brochure detailing the walking tour will be available on Presidents’ Day, Feb. 18, 2013.

- Scott Frank, professor of theatre and communications, was awarded the Gold Medallion, the highest honor given by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for work in the American College Theatre Festival. He is completing his final year as regional chair of the National Playwriting Program for KCACTF, having served the organization for the last eight years. This year, Frank was accompanied by five W&J students, who attended Festival 45 at Towson University with him. Jessica Zack ’14 was one of 11 students from across the region to have a play produced at Festival. One of six 10-minute plays to be chosen—her “Sidekicks” is the first W&J play to enjoy such a prestigious honor. Allyse Corbin and Carly Adams (ComArts ’14 and ’15) competed for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, having been tapped for their performances in last spring’s production of The Pledge, Frank’s play written especially for the department and the W&J Student Theatre.
**News**

- Please mark your calendars for the Rebecca Harding Davis symposium, a community event honoring the life and legacy of the prominent 19th century author who was born in the Bradford House, educated at the Washington Female Seminary, and maintained close family ties to Washington throughout her life. The symposium will be held April 13, 2013, on campus and in the Bradford and LeMoyne Houses from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will include the dedication of a new state historical marker, addresses by prominent scholars, historical tours, a historical performance, and posters and exhibits created by our students. The symposium has been approved for Act 48 (continuing education) credit for K-12 teachers. To kickstart the festivities, on April 12 at 4:30 p.m., acclaimed poet Rachel Loden (great-grandniece of Rebecca Harding Davis) will read from her poetry in the Walker room of the U. Grant Miller Library. Registration is not required for the poetry reading, but advance registration is recommended for the day-long symposium the next day. Registration will be available soon at www.washjeff.edu.

- The annual W&J/Steelers’ Charity Basketball Game will be held March 6; Doors open at 7 p.m. Game begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the McNerney Scholarship, Washington County Special Olympics and NFL Play 60. Tickets can be ordered in the Student Life Database of the Month: Chronicle of Higher Education Online

The College’s online subscription to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* is still active. Faculty, students and staff can get free access to daily updates via the Chronicle's web site, the text from the current print edition (posted every Monday), a searchable archive, all the commentary and essays from *The Chronicle Review*, and all the data from the annual Almanac and other special single-topic reports (http://chronicle.com/section/Facts-Figures/58/).

To get started, simply access *The Chronicle of Higher Education* online through the Journals tab on the Library's homepage or direct your browser to http://chronicle.com. In order to take advantage of this institutional subscription off-campus and on your mobile device, you should create a free account using your W&J email address. With this account, you can subscribe to e-newsletters and access a mobile-friendly version of the Chronicle.

If you have any questions about this subscription or other resources managed by the U. Grant Miller Library, please contact Alexis Rittenberger, Director of Library Services, at arittenberger@washjeff.edu.

**New: Librarian on Location!**

The Library will be trying something new with Librarian on Location. One of our librarians -- either John Henderson or Amy Welch -- will be at the Commons or George & Tom's every Wednesday at lunch time in the month of February (see the Library Calendar on Page 3). Please encourage your students to take advantage of our mobile reference for help finding articles, figuring out a research topic, or any other questions they have about the Library.

FLASH sessions will be suspended while the Library experiments with this new project. Please contact Amy Welch, College Archivist & Outreach Librarian, at awelch@washjeff.edu with feedback about Librarian on Location.

**Pie Day 2013**

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Library to celebrate National Pie Day on January 23. We gave away 93 pieces of pie over the course of the day -- we were thrilled so many of you came to visit in frigid weather! Stay tuned to the Library Calendar for more fun events this spring.
New Faces

- Susan Yuhasz, Interim Vice President for Student Life, 2/5/13
- Dana Staudt, Loan Coordinator, 2/13/13
- Eugene Mercuri, Assistant Director, Special Projects, Office of Facilities Services

Fond Farewells

Linda Ankeny retired from W&J as of January 31. For the last 34 years, Linda has been a staple in the Office of Financial Aid, her ready smile, generous nature, and immense knowledge has helped many W&J students and parents navigate the difficult waters of financial aid. Linda's dedication to the students and staff, and her love for W&J, has always been apparent in her work. Please join the Enrollment staff in wishing her a safe, fun and enjoyable retirement. Pictured: Linda and her husband Bob

Oscar Contest Returns

Get ready for your close-up: The Library's Oscar contest will return this month. Vote for your favorites in categories including Best Actor & Actress, Best Picture and Best Animated Film. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate, and all ballots will be entered into a drawing for a nifty movie-themed gift basket. Stop by the Library for a ballot starting Monday, February 11. While you're here, check out some past winners from our film collection and brush up on your Oscars history.

Library Calendar

Librarian On Location

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 11 am-1 pm, Commons

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 11 am-1 pm, George & Tom's

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 11 am-1 pm, Commons

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 11 am-1 pm, George & Tom's

Spring Hours

Spring Semester Hours for the Library are posted online at http://www.washjeff.edu/library/hours-exceptions.

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Office or online at www.washjeff.edu/steelecs. Click on the order tickets link. Questions? Call 724-229-5120.

- With Linda Ankeny's retirement from the Office of Financial Aid, Chris Shaffer is coordinating the tuition remission/tuition exchange programs with Human Resources. She can be reached at cshaffer@washjeff.edu or ext. 6019.

Scholarship


- Linda Troost, professor of English, attended the Modern Language Association 2013 convention in Boston Jan. 3-6 and took part in "Get Started in Digital Humanities," a preconvention workshop at Northeastern University.

- Kay McEvoy, associate professor of English, presented as part of the "Leading from Unusual Places" panel at the 2013 American Conference of Academic Deans at the American Association of Colleges and Universities annual meeting in January.

- The Student Christian Association (SCA) held a pair of panel discussions over intersession. The first of these, held on January 8, invited discussion of the nature of evil and our possible responses to it. Drs. Steve Kuhn, Steve Malinak, Gregg Osborne and Michael P. Wolf all participated. A second panel convened on January 22 with members of the SCA and Student Secular Alliance discussing the origins of the universe, the nature of moral value and the grounds for choosing or rejecting a life of faith. Discussion was lively and congenial at both events.

New Students Welcomed to the Community at Mid-Year Matriculation Ceremony