College Announcements

- Steve Mason, adjunct faculty, English, will be presenting “Adjunct Noir: W&J Confidential” April 5 at Countering Contingency: Teaching, Scholarship, and Creativity in the Age of the Adjunct, sponsored by the Adjunct Faculty Association of the United Steelworkers.

- Candy DeBerry, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, gave two training workshops on “Native Plants” for the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh March 19.


- Advisers are reminded to discuss the Integrated Semester on Conflict and Community with their advisees during the registration period. A full list of courses and descriptions, some with prerequisites, others without prerequisites, can be found at www.washjeff.edu/integratedsemester. Students may send an e-mail expressing their interest in the I.S. to Mark Swift (mswift@washjeff.edu) without making a commitment for the fall.

- Join the Faculty-Staff Book Club April 10 from noon to 1 p.m. to discuss Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn. Bring your lunch to the Media Room and be part of the conversation.


- This spring marks the fourth Global Photo Contest, organized by the Office of Global Education. The contest is open to W&J students who participated in a W&J-affiliated international trip during the preceding terms. This current contest was open to students who were abroad on W&J-affiliated travel (e.g., semester abroad, Magellan) during the fall semester 2012 or intersession 2013. This spring, the Office of Global Education received over 120 photos which were submitted for judging in various categories: Landscape, Real Life, People, Architecture & Miscellaneous. A select committee of faculty, staff and students will trim the submissions to determine the finalists. You can help to determine the winning photos! Winners will be determined from among the finalists by a popular vote from students, faculty and staff, so keep an eye out for an e-mail announcing how to cast your vote! There will be a special display in the Library April 22-28 for the winning photos.

- The W&J Oxymorons placed second out of 35 teams competing in the Rotary Charity Trivia Contest, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Washington and held at the Three Rivers Auction House March 8. The team was composed of Linda Troost, Dana Shiller, Rob Dunn, Leslie Dunn, Jennifer Harding and Tiffani Gottschall, as well as loyal (and talented) spouses Sayre Greenfield and Tom Marshall. The team
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won $250 each for the charities of their choice: the Washington Literacy Council and the Washington Farmers' Market.

- The Sustainability Committee's “Take a Walk/Share a Ride” program is off to a great start, with several walkers, carpools, and one biker having already completed 20 commutes to campus. Good for you, good for the environment! There's still time for others to complete the challenge. Simply walk, bike, or carpool to work 20 times before July 1. E-mail Jennifer Harding at jharding@washjeff.edu when you have completed your 20th trip, and your name will be entered into a drawing for one of two $100 Target giftcards. All members of a carpool team are eligible.

- Jeffrey Siegel will present Keyboard Conversations® April 25 at 7:30 p.m. (www.keyboardconversations.com), the final performance in this season's Olin Fine Arts Center Arts Series. Recently featured on PBS, Keyboard Conversations is a unique concert-plus-commentary in which Siegel speaks to the audience about the music prior to performing each work in its entirety. Siegel presents an informal, accessible and highly entertaining introduction to the vast repertoire of the piano and to classical music in general. In this performance, Siegel will present Gershwin and Friends! Call 724-223-6546.

The Music Research Guide at http://libguides.washjeff.edu/MusicResearch is an example of our subject-specific guides. John Henderson, our Research Services Librarian, collected a variety of resources related to research students may be doing in the College's music survey courses. Resources include books and journals that can be accessed through the Library, as well as online resources vetted by librarians to ensure that they meet the guidelines for reliable websites.

We are also working with a number of professors to create guides specific to their courses. The guide for Jennifer Harding’s English 350: Studies in Genre: Short Story is at http://libguides.washjeff.edu/ENG350. For this course, Beth Miller, our Copyright & Subscription Services Librarian, created a guide with resources specific to a major project required for the class. The guide points students to reference books and electronic databases that should be helpful in their research, and provides links to MLA citation guides.

We're also using LibGuides to link you to Library services such as scheduling a class, requesting new materials for the Library, and Interlibrary Loan. Visit http://libguides.washjeff.edu/browse.php for a complete list of LibGuides here at U. Grant Miller Library. If you would like a LibGuide for one of your upcoming courses, please contact John at jhenderson@washjeff.edu or Beth at bmiller@washjeff.edu to get started.

New Acquisitions

The following DVDs have been added to the Library's collection:

- Argo
- Pina
- Downton Abbey Season 1
- Downton Abbey Season 2
- How to Survive a Plague

and the 2013 Fiske Guide to Colleges can be found in the New Book corner.


**News**

- David Behringer, junior environmental studies major, was awarded funding from W&J’s Linton Endowment to pursue research this Summer with Dr. James Nelson at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. He will be conducting research on the effects of nitrate and phosphate run-off on killifish in salt marsh ecosystems.

- W&J will celebrate National Student Employment Week April 8-12. Departments are asked to recognize their student employees and show appreciation for all they do for us as a college. Amber Sparrow is Student Employee of the Year for 2013. She is employed by ITS. Other student workers who were nominated by their supervisors are Jeffrey Germak and Erika Loper, Admission; Jon Hart, Amanda Knarr and Kimberly Vanni, U. Grant Miller Library; Sara Huggins and Selina Schubert, Citizens Library; Molly Anthony and Casey Ortega, Career Services; Emily Bitting, Development; Christopher Wright, ITS; and Heather Painter, Education department.

- W&J garnered 188 news mentions in March, including stories highlighting the charity basketball game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on KDKA-TV (http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2013/03/06/slain-students-family-joins-with-steelers-community-to-raise-money-for-good-cause/) and WPXI-TV; a look at the radio drama featuring Bill Cameron, professor of theatre and communication in a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review story (http://triblive.com/lifestyles/history/3597081-74/says-students-radio%40axzz2NukynLm2); and a Washington Observer-Reporter look at a lecture on campus by Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal columnist, March 4 (http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20130305/NEWS01/130309635/0/SEARCH). The Magellan Project was the cover story in the April issue of Washington Life magazine.

- The following students were awarded funding from W&J’s Mylan Internship Program to pursue biologically-related research internships in Summer 2013: **Saad Ahmed**, junior cell and molecular biology major, will work with Dr. Kelly Weixel, W&J professor of Biology, to study the activity of the epithelial sodium channel in the kidney, in the laboratory of Dr. John Johnson at the University of Pittsburgh; **Megan Nissley**, sophomore general biology major, will study macroinvertebrate organisms in freshwater streams to assess the impacts of hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, under the supervision of Dr. Joe Greathouse at The Wilds, Cumberland, Ohio; **Tyler Schultz**, junior general biology major, will study insulin-like growth factor as a possible preventative of cell death in Alzheimer’s Disease, in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Colvin at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio; **Casey Smallwood**, junior general biology major, will work on developing laboratory techniques and computer programs to aid in the diagnosis of mutations related to skin cancer, in the laboratory of Dr. Keith Cheng at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa.; and **Rena Sufrin**, junior general biology and German major, will study fish-eating birds to assess the impacts of hydraulic fracturing for shale gas on local wetlands, under the supervision of Dr. Joe Greathouse at The Wilds, Cumberland, Ohio.

- The following students were awarded funding from W&J’s Merck Internship Program for Excellence in the Sciences to pursue biomedical research internships in Summer 2013: **Leslie Deutschman**, junior biochemistry major, will study DNA repair mechanisms in the plant Arabidopsis thaliana, in the laboratory of Dr. Peter Schlögelhofer at the University of Vienna, Austria; **Lauren Fisher**, junior chemistry major, will return to the laboratory of W&J alumnus Dr. William Cruikshank at Boston University School of Medicine to continue the research on the molecular mechanisms underlying the development of asthma that she started during her 2012 Merck-funded internship; **Zach Drennen**, sophomore biochemistry major, will study the efficacy of radiofrequency ablation of nerves for treating chronic pain, in the laboratory of Dr. David Provenzano at the Ohio Valley General Hospital in McKees Rocks, Pa.; **Tyler Geshay**, junior cell and molecular biology major, will return to the laboratory of Dr. David Binion at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to continue the research on the molecular basis of inflammatory bowel disease that he conducted during his 2012 Merck-funded
Rachel Guest, junior chemistry and business major, will study gene expression changes in the rat brain during learning, in the laboratory of Dr. Astrid Valles-Sanchez at Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands; Carli Obeldobel, sophomore cell and molecular biology major, will study the effects of nicotine on human lung development, in the laboratory of W&J alumna Dr. Diane Carlisle at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; and Julie Pacilio, junior chemistry major, will study the role of blood vessel development in pulmonary hypertension, in the laboratory Dr. Jeffrey Isenberg at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Scholarship

- Steve Mason was made an honorary member of W&J's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta for the 2012-2013 academic year, chosen by this year's induction class of ALD and established in a ceremony held March 2.

- Dana Shiller's article, "The Pleasures and Limits of Dickensian Plot, or 'I have met Mr. Dickens, and this is not him'” was recently published in Neo-Victorian Studies (5:2: 2012) in a special issue on neo-Victorian adaptations and appropriations of Dickens' novels.

- Jason Kilgore, assistant professor of biology, published an article with Brandon Sansom (primary author, '11, BIO/EVS) and two collaborators from Macalester College in March in the journal Aquatic Biosystems titled, "Effects of flow restoration on mussel growth in a Wild and Scenic North American River" (doi:10.1186/2046-9063-9-6). This work was supported in part by the Undergraduate Science Education Program Grant from HHMI to W&J and a Margrett A. Cargill Foundation restricted grant to the EVS Program at W&J.

- Dr. Claire Burns, assistant professor of biology, spoke at the 27th Fungal Genetics Conference in Asilomar, Calif., March 13, presenting a talk titled "Using Fungal Barcoding to Introduce Non-Science Majors to Scientific Research."

- Rebecca McDonald, associate professor of psychology, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association (held March 1-4 in New York City) where W&J student Stephanie Brueck (Psych '11) presented her capstone research project completed under Dr. McDonald's supervision titled, "The Relationship Between Parental Involvement During High School and Collegiate Academic Mastery." The results of this research were also published in the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research.

Human Resources News

We would like to congratulate the following employees on their new roles within W&J: Steve Spence, Assistant Football Coach, 3/1; Chris Smithley, Football Intern, 3/16; Heather Breedlove, Senior Accountant, 3/16.

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The Archives recently received two donations related to College history. Thank you to Toby Acheson of Oxford, Ohio, for donating a copy of Expanding Horizons, a limited-edition 1940 publication detailing plans for W&J's future. And thank you to James Vaughn of Norvelt, PA, for his donation of an 1835 letter from Andrew G. Miller to M.G. McKennan regarding a meeting of the Washington College Alumni Association.

Library Calendar

Librarian On Location: April 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: George & Tom's; April 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: The Commons; April 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: George & Tom's; April 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: The Commons.