College Announcements

- **PRESIDENT PRIDE FRIDAYS** All Washington & Jefferson College employees are encouraged to show their spirit by wearing official college apparel each Friday. Please join your colleagues and show your W&J spirit!

- Dr. Candy DeBerry, associate professor of biology, and Carla Valentine Myers, serials and communications assistant in the U. Grant Miller Library, announce their marriage on July 17, 2014, in Washington's City Hall. The Honorable Brenda Davis, mayor of the city of Washington, officiated.

- The 2014-2015 Energy Lecture Series begins on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00pm in Yost Auditorium, Burnett Center. Dr. Kirk Junker from the University of Cologne will open the series which focuses on "Energy Trends Across the World". Dr. Junker's lecture is titled, "Is European Energy Policy Looking Forward or Looking Backward?" The lecture is free and open to the public.

- The Office of Alumni Relations invites you and a guest to join us for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, October 24 & 25, 2014. We hope you will join us to celebrate Homecoming & Reunion Weekend with alumni and the campus community.
  - The following events are complimentary for our faculty & staff, but registration is requested:
    - Saturday, October 25, 2014
      - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgate Lunch (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn)
      - 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Fifth Quarter (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn)
    - If you would like to register or have any questions, please email alumni@washjeff.edu or call Denise Spinnenweber at x6079 by Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Tickets will be available for pickup beginning Friday, October 24, 2014, at 9 a.m. at the Office of Alumni Relations.

News

- More than 400 students are the newest members of the Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) community. First-year students, including freshmen, transfers and international exchange students, were welcomed to campus Wednesday at the annual Matriculation ceremony. Students introduced themselves, signed the mission statement of the College, and received a W&J lapel pin indicating their lifetime membership in the distinguished community of scholars who have matriculated at W&J. As is tradition, during the recessional, students walked over the W&J seal in the floor of the Old Main lobby. Student Government Association vice president Gadwin Stewart addressed the students during the ceremony.
News (cont.)

- Dr. Haring-Smith published a column about technology and education in the fall issue of *Pittsburgh Quarterly*.
- An article about W&J football, "Meet the Presidents," ran in the September 2014 issue of *Pittsburgh Magazine*.

**Human Resources News**

- On September 24, 2014, TIAA-CREF will be on campus presenting two workshops - *Halfway There: A Retirement Check-up* and *She’s Got It: A Woman’s Guide to Saving and Investing*. Please look out for more details from Human Resources on these great subjects!
- Register to attend the Highmark Direct Tour event and visit the large mobile unit. Please note that once you enter the mobile unit, you will be able to complete your Wellness Profile (about 15 minutes), learn about W&J's exciting wellness initiatives for 2014-15, receive free giveaways and become eligible for amazing prizes. Please act fast and register for this exciting event. The first 32 registered employees will receive $10 cash at the event.

**Fond Farewells**

- Chaun Stores, director of assessment and institutional research (August 29)
- Darlene Tragone, secretary (August 29)
- Kaleb Yandrick, assistant technical director (August 31)
- Steffanie Iorio, dispatcher (September 13)

**Warm Welcomes**

- Dave Herald, graphic designer (August 18)
- Heather Redka, dispatcher (August 26)
- Joe Wagner, dispatcher (August 26)
- Erin McGarry, visitor services coordinator (September 2)

**New Library Web Site**

The Library updated its web site over the summer, so you'll see a new look when you visit our home page. You can still access Summon and the Geotom catalog from the home page, and you'll find our Faculty Resources under the Frequently Used Resources menu. Our subject-based LibGuides, highlighting resources on everything from Accounting to World History resources, is under the Find Information menu. Please contact Jeff Brunner, systems and access services librarian, if you find any broken links or other issues with the new site.

**Database of the Month: Academic Search Premier**

Academic Search Premier is a broadly based database that searches subjects in the Humanities, Health Care, Business & Economics, and Psychology. It's a great starting point for students who are just starting the research process since it searches only 23 of our more than 70 databases, returning a more manageable list of results than Summon. The database includes a link to helpful search terms, allowing students to refine their searches further, or learn the term these databases use for their topic. For example, if a student looks in the Subject Terms list for Music, they'll see they can limit the search by century, by country, and many other terms with a simple mouse click. And as with all EBSCO databases, the Cite link on the right-hand side of the page will provide the correct citation for the resource in numerous formats.

**New Acquisitions**

We have added a significant number of plays to our collection. Here are a few you will find in the play collection:

- *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris
- *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* by Neil Simon
- *Off Off Broadway Festival Plays 37th Series* by numerous authors
- *Other Desert Cities* by Jon Robin Baitz
- *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang
Scholarship

- The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale under the direction of Dr. Susan Medley, professor of music, and the Jazz Conspiracy featuring assistant professor of music Kyle Simpson presented a concert on the Main Stage at the Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh. The performance included hits from the Big Band Era.
- Assistant professor Kyle Simpson was a guest composer for the international music festival UPBEAT held in Milna, Croatia. Simpson was one of 17 international composers invited to come to the festival. The festival concluded on August 7th 2014, with Simpson's newest piece written for the festival, "Fugue for Three Pianos." Listen now!
- In August, Dr. Deborah Polvani (formerly Sunderland) and her research student, Jimmy Aldridge, of the chemistry department had a proposal accepted by the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory and the US Department of Energy. Jimmy and Dr. Polvani synthesized some inorganic compounds at W&J College, and the interesting structures and promising purity of the materials deemed them competitive for further characterization at the internationally recognized synchrotron facility in Chicago.

New Acquisitions
We also added the following DVDs:
- Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry
- Cesar Chavez
- Ernest & Celestine
- Killing Coyote
- Sculpting the Portrait Male Head in Terracotta- Bruno Lucchesi

Library Calendar
Find your friendly Library staff at the following events this month -- in, and out of, the Library.

Thursday, September 4
- 12 pm: Using a College Library in the U.S., Library Digital Classroom. Learn the nuts and bolts of US College libraries. Topics covered include interlibrary loan, understanding the Library of Congress Classification System, and using W&J’s catalog and in-house reserve system. Open to all students.

Monday, September 8
- 7 pm: Using a College Library in the U.S. (See September 4 for description.)

Wednesday, September 10
- 11 am to 1 pm: Librarian on Location, The Commons.
- 7 pm: Research Basics, Library Digital Classroom. Start the session by using Summon, W&J’s Discovery Service, then learn how to narrow topics using Academic Search Premier. Finish the session with an in-depth look at W&J’s online research databases - Credo and Literature Resource Center. Open to all students.

Thursday, September 11
- 12 pm: Research Basics, Library Digital Classroom. (See September 10 for description.)

Tuesday, September 16
- 12 pm: Website Evaluation: Not all websites are created equal. Learn to categorize websites and to identify quality sites for academic projects. Open to all students.

Wednesday, September 17
- 11 am to 1 pm: Librarian on Location, George & Tom’s
- 7 pm: Website Evaluation. (See September 16 for description.)
Scholarship (cont.)

- Associate professors of biology Tom Contreras and Jason Kilgore attended the Annual Members Meeting for the Ecological Research as Education Network (EREN) in June in Moline, IL. Tom contributed to the OakMAST and WindowCollision Projects, while Jason led project assessment sessions for the Permanent Forest Plot Project, co-led a session on the Emerald Ash Borer Subproject, and presented a poster entitled, "Quantifying the ecological role of campus arboreta: a new EREN project?"

- Jason Kilgore, associate professor of biology, and Leslie Kollar (‘14, biology) attended Botany 2014, Botanical Society of America Annual Meeting, in July in Boise, ID. Leslie presented a multi-student-and-faculty-authored poster entitled, “Shade-tolerant tree species may become more important in ash dominant forests after EAB infestation,” and participated in a number of mentoring activities; she is heading to a graduate program in moss evolution at the University of Florida this Fall. Jason presented a co-authored paper entitled, “Getting ahead of the front: Evaluating impacts of emerald ash borer (Agrilus planipennis) on forest vegetation in eastern North America,” which is associated with an EREN project that he co-leads with Dr. Ben Dolan (University of Findlay). Dr. Dolan presented the same co-authored paper at the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting in August in Sacramento, CA.

Library Calendar (cont.)

Wednesday, September 24
- 11 am to 1 pm: Librarian on Location, The Commons.
- 7 pm: Using Archival and Primary Source Materials. Learn about W&J’s rich history in the College Archives and discuss the challenges of researching with primary source documents. Finish the session with a look at some primary source databases. Open to all students.

Thursday, September 25
- 12 pm: Using Archival and Primary Source Materials. (See September 24 for description.)

CoLET Corner

- Thanks to everyone who attended the Information Fair on Tuesday, August 26!
  - Topics included:
    - Qualtrics
    - Setting up Sakai pages
    - Electronic Resources from the Library
    - W&J's Social Media presence
  - If you could not attend. Contact the ITSHelpdesk or the Library with questions.

- CoLET has not yet set its agenda for the 2014-2015 Academic Year. Suggested topics can be directed to any committee member:
  - James Benze
  - Mike Camden
  - Dan Faulk
  - Amanda Holland-Minkley
  - Robbie Iuliucci
  - Michael Lewis
  - Jamie March
  - Alexis Rittenberger
From the Sustainability Committee

- Congratulations to Carolyn Kyler, Patrick Caffrey, Megan (yi-Tak) Lai and Jason Kilgore. They won the Bike/Walk/Share-a-ride to campus program for the last academic year. Each won a $50 gift card for the Washington Farmers Market.
- The first Sustainability Committee meeting of the year is Friday September 6th at 3:30 in the Student Government Chambers. All faculty, staff, and students who are interested in campus sustainability are encouraged to attend.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting or have questions or concerns about sustainability on campus, please contact the current chair of the committee: Jamie March.

W&J College Arts Series


This great roots band debuts a new program culled from the deepest roots of the spirit. From a lush setting of Tennyson’s Crossing the Bar to old American shape note hymns, prison work songs, blues, gospel and original compositions, American Spiritual draws from 200 years of roots music to find songs that uplift and connect.

With infectious camaraderie, Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem easily coax audiences to join their spine-tingling, rafter-shaking harmonies, clap to roaring fiddle tunes and open their hearts to songs of love and loss. This is American Spiritual — in which big questions are asked, few are answered, much harmony is sung, and a joyful string band is let loose to dispense its good medicine.

- FREE workshop—Arts in Medicine in Olin theatre on the day of the performance — time to be announced. ART — musical, literary and visual — helps us recall and celebrate the strength at our core, even in the most trying of circumstances. Rani Arbo is a breast cancer survivor, a trained hospice volunteer, and an experienced presenter in medical settings. As a solo performer (vocal, fiddle, guitar), she visits cancer survivor groups, nursing homes, pediatric clinics, infusion centers and hospice programs