College Announcements

- Information on Safe Online Practices Available from IT Services -- You have probably read several emails from IT Services about phishing scams. Being able to recognize and prevent phishing scams is critical in an online age. You can learn more about how to protect yourself on the W&J ITS Internet Security page. This information is constantly updated and is available here.

- Join the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 as they bowl to raise funds for the Washington Park Elementary School's Special Education classrooms. Sign up!

- Eytan Millstone will present his TEDX Lecture April 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Old Main Chapel, sponsored by Diversity Programs and Multicultural Affairs. In the theme of Sankofa, Eytan combines spoken word, storytelling and A cappella rap to present his past, how he was raised and how his upbringing has molded him into the person he is today. It’s through these experiences that Brooklyn based performer enlightens: we have to have the courage to let the past shape us, but not define us.

- Honors Convocation will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of College and Wheeling streets in Washington, Pa.

- The Office of Study Abroad asks that you please continue to encourage your students to attend our new monthly series, "Semester Abroad Showcase." Study abroad returnees will present about their time abroad, there will be free snacks and a drawing for prizes. We will also have time for Q&A and information about scholarships. The second showcase was held March 26, and the last one for spring 2015 will be April 23 at 6:00 pm, with a focus on Ecuador. The series will be continued next academic year. More details will be announced closer to the dates.

- You are invited to "Son Latino Fiesta," organized by the Spanish Club, the Latino Culture Association, NEH and DPMA, April 25 from 7-9 pm in Rossin Ballroom. Come dance the night away with Machete Kisumontao, a local, high-energy Salsa band.
Scholarship

- Dr. Jennifer Harding (English) will be one of five plenary speakers at the Poetics and Linguistics Association annual conference at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England in July.

- Dr. Michael Wolf (Philosophy) will deliver a Faculty Colloquium, "Saving Declaratives from the Declarative Fallacy," on April 22 at 4 pm in the Media Room. Refreshments provided.

- Dr. Susan Vdovichenko (Russian) will deliver a Faculty Colloquium on April 15 at noon in TEK 118, entitled "You Say You Want A Revolution – The Impact of EuroMaidan and War With Russia on Linguistic Attitudes in Ukraine."

- April 10-11, the Mathematics Department of W&J will be hosting the Allegheny Mountain Section Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in assorted areas across campus. This conference is held each spring at different locations, and it is an honor for W&J to be selected to host.

- Dr. Linda Troost (English) organized two panels and spoke on a roundtable at the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies conference in Los Angeles in March. She also was a keynote speaker at the Jane Austen Festival in Pittsburgh on March 21 and was quoted in some advance press coverage in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Warm Welcomes

- Daniel Hill, Security Officer (March 1)
- Jim Miller, Director of Campus Operations and Planning (March 16)
- James Gralka, Web Application Developer (April 1)
- Corey Young, Shale Gas Program Coordinator (April 6)

Library Times

Database of the Month: Music Database Trials
There are still a few days left to check out the Library's current trial databases, Grove Music Online and Music Online: Listening (from Alexander Street Press).


Music Online: Listening is a comprehensive streaming audio collection to support the teaching and research of music. This ever-expanding collection includes the complete content of Alexander Street's collections in classical music, jazz, American song, and world music. As part of the trial, we also have access to the individual collections such as American Song, Contemporary World Music, and Popular Music Library.

The trials end Friday, April 3, so please contact Alexis Rittenberger, Director of Library Services, with questions or comments.

Save the Date

- The Library and SAIL will host a DIY soap-making class on May 5. (Hint: Mother's Day is the following Sunday - come make a gift!)
- PAWS for a Study Break will be back on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Stay tuned for more details!
Scholarship (cont.)

- Dr. Amanda Holland-Minkley (CIS) presented on a panel titled "Best Practices for IRB Approval: Four Perspectives" in March at the 46th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, along with Michael Kirkpatrick of James Madison University, Janice Cuny of NSF, Mark Guzdial of Georgia Institute of Technology and Clifford Shaffer of Virginia Tech.

- The weekend of February 28/March 1, an interdisciplinary W&J student team, composed of four CIS students--Gustavo Sampaio, Emerson Oliveira da Silva, Mario Scaglione, Leonardo Vidal--and Biology student Abigail Palmer, won first place at the 2015 Mylan Hackathon for their proposed system "Snap Health."

HR News

- Human Resources will be hosting a Credit 101 Lunch and Learn on Thursday, April 30. This informative session will be conducted by PNC Bank. Please look out for an email with more details and registration information.

Fond Farewells

- Glenn Gutierrez, Head Men's Basketball Coach (March 4)
News

- An Uncommon Bond: The Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College will now be featured on the electronic storyboards located around campus. Updates regarding the campaign’s progress and capital renovation’s will be featured, please take a moment and check them out. Thanks to the generous donors that have supported An Uncommon Bond: the Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College, we have raised a total of $84,840,973.99!

- Ray Roccon ’78 was featured in the Observer-Reporter regarding his frac water recycling process.

- A new documentary series by Ken Burns, "Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies," features Dennis Slammon ’70. The series, shown on WQED-TV March 30-April 1, was sponsored in part by W&J. Read more here.

- Mediators Beyond Borders International came to the W&J Campus in March to speak with students involved in the conflict and resolution studies concentration. Learn more.

New Acquisitions
The following books have recently been added to our collection:

- Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast
- No Good Men Among the Living: America, the Taliban, and the war through Afghan Eyes by Anand Gopal
- The Mantle of Command: FDR at war, 1941-1942 by Nigel Hamilton
- Toms River: A story of science and salvation by Dan Fagan
- An Unnecessary Woman: A novel by Rabih Alameddine

The following Oscar-nominated films can be found in our New Book corner:

- Whiplash
- The Theory of Everything
- The Tales of the Princess Kaguya
- Foxcatcher
- Birdman
- Big Hero 6

CoLET Corner

The Committee on Library and Educational Technology is here to look at academic uses of library and technology resources. Visit our libguide to contact us, learn about technology inside and outside the classroom, and for room recommendations.

- Thanks to the work of Dean Charles Hannon and Liz McClintock the format in Webadvisor's student program evaluations is much improved. Although the content remains the same, CoLET does advise all faculty to familiarize themselves with the change prior to advising sessions.

- Are you interested in archiving your email? Contact the ITS Helpdesk for more information.

- ITS is now offering brief 45 minute sessions on data and identity protection. The sessions include information on ways to secure your Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and your W&J assigned computer / data along with information about protecting your personal devices. Learn more or sign up for a session on the ITS training calendar.
**W&J College Art Series**

- The Olin Fine Arts Gallery is exhibiting "Portals" by artist Robert Patrick until April 17. The Exhibit is free and open to the public, and the Gallery is open Monday through Friday from noon to 7 pm during exhibition dates.

- On April 1 at 7:30 pm in Olin Theatre, W&J is proud to present alumnus and Adjunct Music Department Professor Greg Thurman ('08) and his fellow bandmates Ryan Mullins - Mandolin, Banjo, Guitar, Dobro & Vocals; and John Posey - Acoustic Guitar & Vocals. Whitewater, an acoustic string trio based in Morgantown, West Virginia, specializes in traditional and contemporary bluegrass as well as original compositions. Whitewater's slick arrangements and tight vocal harmonies recall the sounds of yesteryear with an ear towards the future. The concert is sponsored by W&J College Art Series but it is FREE - no ticket required, no reserved seating.

- The W&J Wind Ensemble will perform April 12 at 3:00 pm in the Olin Fine Arts Center.

- The Spring Choral Concert will occur April 17 at 7:30 pm in the Church of the Covenant. This year the W&J Choir and Camerata Singers, joined by a professional orchestra and soloists, will present Haydn's extraordinary Theresienmesse, a mass written by the classical master in 1799. This work has it all - brilliance, lyricism, quiet passages of simple beauty and moments of exuberant virtuosity. Don't miss this evening of stirring music in a spectacular setting. More information is available on the Olin Fine Arts Center Music webpage.

- The Department of Communication Arts is proud to present "Eye of God," written by Tim Blake Nelson and directed by T.S. Frank, Thursday, Friday and Saturday April 23-25 at 7:30 pm and a Saturday matinee at 2 pm. In a small Oklahoma town, an innocent girl, Ainsley, marries a just-released convict with whom she's corresponded for three years. Jack's never told her why he went to jail, and with his newfound religion he says it doesn't matter: Providence has seen to it that he would marry a good woman and raise a family. Interwoven with the above plot is a future storyline: A young girl has been found dead in a nearby lake. A fourteen-year-old named Tom witnessed the murder and has become mute because of it. Or, did he do it? "REMARKABLE. An impassioned, unsparing investigation of a sadly familiar American tragedy. This Seattle Repertory production marks Nelson's professional playwriting debut. You would never guess that, though, from the emotional depth, colloquial assurance, and formal complexity of this play, or from Nelson's courage in addressing some boldly profound questions rarely raised in today's theater." - Seattle Times.

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**From the Sustainability Committee**

- Indoor Bike Storage is now available for students. Please refer interested students to Justin Dandoy.

- Presidents Kitchen Garden - Students, faculty, and staff on the Sustainability Committee are once again planting a garden of herbs and vegetables. The herbs and vegetables are used by Chef Douglass and his staff. The garden is located around the dining patio which is outside the faculty dining room. As warmer weather arrives, consider eating your lunch or even holding your class there.
Spotlight on Community Engagement

- April Produce to People: The Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People food distribution is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, April 5 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Produce to People is the Food Bank's large-scale produce distribution program. Volunteers are needed to assist with anything from passing out the produce, to acting as runners and support. Volunteers can sign up for the full experience or for shorter shifts. Transportation is provided, and a shuttle leaves campus on the hour each hour and returns to campus on the half hour. To register to volunteer, fill out the form [here](#). Please register by Monday, April 6 at 5:00 pm.

- Join us for the Washington PA Film Festival: The Highland Ridge Community Development Corporation (HRCDC), in collaboration with Pittsburgh Filmmakers and co-sponsored by the Student Activities Board, is hosting its 4th Annual Washington PA Film Festival on Saturday, April 11 in the HUB Alley. Food and drinks are provided, as well as fantastic films created by local filmmakers. Anyone can enter a film in the festival, and HRCDC is looking for additional films to be entered as soon as possible. This is for filmmakers of any age, so please encourage students, family and friends to submit as well! The film can be 1 minute or up to 90 minutes. Films by the finalists and/or winners will be shown throughout the event. For more information about the Film Festival or how to enter, please contact [HRCDC](#) or visit their [website](#). Even if you are not interested in submitting a film, please attend and support a great local organization!

- Movin’ Out! W&J’s End of Year Sale & Charity Benefit – Registration is now open!: Join us for “Movin’ Out,” W&J’s End of Year Sale & Charity Benefit! Movin’ Out is a campus-wide yard sale for student, faculty and staff sellers, with sales being open to the community. Anyone affiliated with W&J can reserve a table, including faculty and staff. Reserve your table for the event today! There is a $10 fee for individual sellers (per table) and a 25% of final sales fee for student organizations and groups (multiple tables). Please encourage student groups to participate! After the fees, money from the sales are yours to keep! Use this as a fundraiser for an organization, team or department, as a benefit for your own charity or cause, or keep the funds. It’s up to you! Fees benefit the main charitable organization of the event, City Mission. For more information or to register, use the form [here](#). Any questions can be directed to volunteer@washjeff.edu.

- Earth Day Film Screening – “Bag It” – April 15: The Sustainability Committee in partnership with the Office of Community Engagement will be filming the movie “Bag It: The Movie” on Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00 pm in Dieter Porter 100. “Americans use 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes-single-use disposable bags that we mindlessly throw away. But where is ‘away?’ Where do the bags and other plastics end up, and at what cost to our environment, marine life and human health? Bag It follows ‘everyman’ Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world. When Jeb's journey takes a personal twist, we see how our crazy-for-plastic world has finally caught up with us and what we can do about it. Today. Right now.” For more information on the film, go to [www.bagitmovie.com](http://www.bagitmovie.com).

- Earth Day Speaker – Dominic Frongillo – April 22: The Sustainability Committee is hosting a speaker to help us celebrate this Earth Day, Dominic Frongillo! Co-sponsored by First Year Seminar, the EVS Mazingira Fund, the Center for Energy Policy and Management, Student Government Association, the Business and Economics Department, the Office of Community Engagement and the Green Club, this event will be taking place on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 pm in Dieter Porter 100. “Former Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo is active locally to globally, most notably as a five-time delegate to the United Nations, participating in the U.N. climate negotiations in 2011 in Durban, South Africa, 2010 in Cancun, Mexico, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and 2007 in Bali, Indonesia.” He will be speaker to our campus community on activism and creating positive social change in our world. For more information on our speaker, go to [http://dominicfrongillo.com](http://dominicfrongillo.com/).