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This newsletter will communicate the news of faculty and staff, update everyone on campus events, and welcome new colleagues to campus. Use the online form to submit good news, achievements, and spread the word about important events to our community.

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- Your community, your pride!
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- Maximize your gift to Washington & Jefferson College by donating through the Washington County Community Foundation’s (WCCF) Day of Giving on September 9th!

- During this one-day event, your gift to W&J via www.wccfgives.org will be matched proportionally from the WCCF Gives $100,000 pool of matching dollars! Funding for the pool is provided by WCCF Gives sponsors and anonymous Foundation contributors.

- We hope we can count on the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Hina Shamsi, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s (ACLU) National Security Project, will be in residence from Tuesday, Sept. 29, through Friday, Oct. 2. She will give a public lecture the evening of Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m. in Yost Auditorium.

- As Director of the ACLU’s National Security Project, Shamsi ensures that U.S. national security policies and practices do not violate the Constitution, civil liberties, human rights or the United States’ obligation under international law. Shamsi engages in civil liberties and human rights litigation research and policy advocacy. She has litigated numerous cases concerning the freedoms of speech and association and challenged cases relating to post-9/11 torture, targeted killing, unlawful detention, and discrimination against racial and religious minorities.

- Geotom catalog updates
  The Library’s Geotom catalog got a face lift over the summer. Please visit http://wjco.sirsi.net to give the new interface a try. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Jeff Brunner, Systems and Access Services Librarian, at jbrunner@washjeff.edu.

- Summon updates
  Summon also got a face lift, and some new features over the summer. Once you search, you can hover over the title of an article or book to see full citation information, read an abstract (if available), generate a citation, and email a citation to yourself -- all from the search-results screen. The left-hand side of the search-results screen still offers numerous options for limiting your searches, but the appearance has changed slightly. Check out the "new" Summon from the Library’s home page. If you have any questions or
W&J Community to help us increase the impact of the gifts made throughout the day. To make your gift on Sept. 9th, visit www.wccfgives.org!

- Please mark your calendars and encourage your students to attend this fall's Semester Abroad Showcases, to be held at 5:30 pm in the Media Room on the following dates: Sept. 17, Oct. 29, and Nov. 19.

Semester Abroad Showcase is an opportunity for study abroad returnees to share stories, photos and more from their time abroad with the W&J community. These events also serve the purpose of promoting study abroad to current students. There will be time for Q&A from the audience, light refreshments will be served, and we will do a drawing for prizes! We will also share scholarship information to help ensure that study abroad is an attainable goal. See you there!

The deadline to apply for spring 2016 study abroad is Oct. 1.

- "Why Is There Always War?" – a lecture and dramatic reading from "An Iliad" by distinguished Broadway actor Teagle Bougere, who performed in this one-man show in Pittsburgh in spring 2014. "An Iliad" is a modern adaptation of Homer’s "Iliad" about the perennial reality of war and its effect on the war narrator (Mr. Bougere.) He also

At the ACLU, Shamsi focuses on the intersection of national security and counterterrorism policies with international human rights and humanitarian law. She has authored and co-authored several publications on targeted killing, torture, and extraordinary rendition and has monitored and reported on military dealings at Guantánamo Bay.

In addition to the areas of expertise outlined above, Shamsi can speak on topics such as: national security policies and civil rights, counterterrorism and human rights, human rights in an age of terrorism, and freedom of speech in a troubled era. More about Ms. Shamsi and the ACLU’s National Security Project can be found here: https://www.aclu.org/bio/hina-shamsi. If you would like Ms. Shamsi to guest lecture or otherwise participate in one of your classes, or visit with a particular group of students, please contact Emily Payne at X6507 or epayne@washjeff.edu.

Library Hours

The Library will start its normal fall semester hours on Labor Day at 8 am. The Library is open 8 am to 2 am Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 9 pm Friday, 9 am to 6 pm Saturday, and 11 am to 2 am Sunday. You can find the full Library calendar on the Library’s Home Page.

Constitution Day

Thursday, Sept. 17 is Constitution Day! The Library will begin celebrating on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Librarian on Location in the Commons. We will continue on Constitution Day with a special edition of Library Land on WNJR at 1 pm. Learn about Constitution Day or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for fun facts!
narrator (Mr. Bougere.) He also starred in “Othello” in Pittsburgh last spring, and this summer, completed an acclaimed run of “Cymbeline” in the New York Shakespeare Festival in Central Park, directed by Daniel Sullivan.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM.
Dieter-Porter Lecture Hall (100), on W&J’s campus at the corner of South College Ave. and East Maiden St.
All members of the college and wider community are invited. Admission is free.

This program is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Fund, the Conflict and Resolution Studies concentration program, and the Philosophy Department.

- Just in time for the fall 2015 season, the Janet Swanson Tennis Center will open on the Washington & Jefferson College campus with a dedication ceremony Sept. 11. The ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m., will officially open the tennis center, located at the corner of East Walnut Street and Forrest Avenue on the W&J campus. Speakers at the ceremony will include W&J President Tori Haring-Smith, Ph.D., Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Michael Grzesiak, Director of Athletics Scott McGuinness, and the center’s namesake, Janet L. Swanson.

Scholarship

- Gettysburg College is hosting a student undergraduate research conference entitled The Middle East and Islamic World: Past, Present, and Future on Oct. 3. This broadly focused conference can include students in History, Anthropology, Art, Literature, Political Science and other interdisciplinary courses where a research paper is required. The deadline to submit proposals is September 10. Please forward the conference link to your students and encourage they submit a proposal.

- Dr. Charles Hannon, Professor of Computing and Information Studies, presented “Visualizing Referentiality in As I Lay Dying” at the 2015 meeting of the Poetics and Linguistics Association, 15-20 July, University of Kent, Canterbury.

- Linda Troost was a featured speaker at a symposium celebrating the 20th anniversary of the BBC “Pride and Prejudice” (the one with Colin Firth). The director, the choreographer, and many cast members also participated in the event held at the Chawton House Library, England.

New Acquisitions

The following titles have been added to our collection and can be found in the New Book Corner:

- Big Breasts and Wide Hips: A Novel by Mo Yan
- Breadlines Knee-Deep in Wheat: Food Assistance in the Great Depression by Janet Poppendieck
- Towards the Flame: Empire, War, and the end of Tsarist Russia by Dominic Lieven
- The Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Torture: Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program compiled by Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
- The Oxford Handbook of Women and Gender in Medieval Europe

Aug 27, 2015
The center will be opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“We couldn’t be more proud of the beautiful Janet Swanson Tennis Center,” McGuinness said. “Our tennis programs are going to receive a dramatic boost from this new facility.”

Head Tennis Coach Christopher Faulk ’10, himself a former W&J tennis player, said the Center will greatly benefit both the team and the College, allowing ample space to host matches and larger events, a state-of-the-art athletic facility to be enjoyed by the Presidents and visiting teams, and improved recruitment opportunities.

The Swanson Center features six tennis courts, two more than the previous facility. A designated viewing area allows a comfortable view of all courts, which are lighted, a feature Faulk said will make play during evenings and inclement weather easier to accommodate. On-site storage and bathroom facilities also were added.

“This is an indicator of the true dedication W&J has, not only to the tennis program, but to all student-athletes at the College,” Faulk said. “It opens up a world of opportunities for us. This is really something for W&J to be proud of.”

The tennis center is the first completed phase of the Athletic Center Renovation and

**HR News**

- **Warm Welcomes:**
  - Amanda Cowan, Assistant Director of Residence Life (Aug. 1)
  - William Hasek, Post Doctoral Fellow (Aug. 1)
  - Michael Muehlbauer, Campus Police Officer (Aug. 1)
  - Jillian Gregory, Coordinator of Student Athlete Recruitment (Aug. 17)
  - Ashley Crews, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life (Aug. 31)

- Congratulations to the following employees on achieving milestone anniversaries with the College in September!
  - Dan Shaw, Technical Director, Sept. 1st—30 Years
  - Amy Lloyd, Donor Relations Coordinator, Sept. 13th—5 Years
  - Karen Oosterhous, Director of Communications/Special Assist to the President—Sept. 13th—5 Years
  - Coleen McConaghy, Administrative Assistant, Sept. 29th—1 Year

**Recent Donations**

The Archives recently received a large donation of theater records from the Communication Arts department. The collection documents student theater productions dating back to the opening of Olin Fine Arts Center in 1982. Once processed, the collection will be available to researchers interested in the history of theater at W&J.

The Archives also received a unique football trading card of Pete Henry from his days on the football All American team. The front of the card has a photo of Henry, with his nickname "Fats" Henry, while the rear describes his accomplishments playing tackle for W&J. The card was presented to President Tori-Haring Smith at Commencement by an anonymous member of the Class of ’65.

**W&J College Arts Series**

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Center Renovation and Expansion Project, which is part of the An Uncommon Bond: The Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College, a $100 million campaign that will continue through June 2016.

"With a new recreation center starting construction soon, as well as the renovation of the Henry Memorial Center and Natatorium, we have great momentum building," McGuinness said. "Our coaches will have state-of-the-art indoor facilities to continue to attract talented student-athletes to this campus. We are on the brink of a new era of W&J athletics and many, most notably our devoted alumni, are playing roles in these exciting projects."

For more information regarding the An Uncommon Bond; the Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College, please visit: anuncommonbond.org.

W&J College Arts Series presents: Gaden Shartse Monastery of Tibet, Sacred Arts of Tibet Tour
http://www.sacredartsoftibettour.org/

We welcome back our friends, The Gaden Shartse Monastery, which was in residence here in Oct. of 2008 and Nov. of 2011 (another monastery was in residence here in 2003). The group includes Geshe Lobzang Khamchuk Rinpoché who was born in 1974 in Markham, Tibet. In 1990 His Holiness the Dalai Lama recognized him as the reincarnated high lama Gedun Jinpa.
Read more about him at http://www.sacredartsoftibettour.org/#tour-bios/c1yds

All events at:
The Olin Fine Arts Center (Washington and Jefferson College) Monday,
Sept. 28 Olin Lobby Opening Mandala Ceremony, 11:00am Manjushri, The Buddha of Wisdom Mandala Construction in Olin Lobby, 11:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, Sept. 29

- Mandala Construction in Olin Lobby, 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Evening Lecture (free and open to all) Olin Theatre, 7:00pm-8:30pm
  The Four Noble Truths, The Teaching of Buddha Suffering, the Causes of Suffering, the End of Suffering, and the Path to Freedom Followed by Q&A

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  World Peace and the Unity of all
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.

- CoLET needs your help:
  - We are looking for a new member. If you are interested in learning more about the Library or educational technology, please contact the committee chair, Jamie March.
  - Help us set the agenda for the 2015-2016 Academic Year. Suggested topics can be directed to any committee member:
    - James Benze
    - Mike Camden
    - Dan Faulk
    - Robbie Iuliucci
    - Michael Lewis
    - Jamie March (Chair)
    - Alexis Rittenberger
    - Dorian Terry (Student Representative)

Religions Followed by Q&A

Thursday, Oct. 1

- Mandala Construction in Olin Lobby, 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Evening Performance (ticketed event)
  Olin Theatre, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
- Tara Puja and Tea Offering Rituals
  Tara Puja is the female emanation of the Buddha of Compassion, the ritual is invoking her. There will be a Q&A afterwards.

Friday, Oct. 2

- Mandala Construction in Olin Lobby, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Closing Mandala Ceremony, 3:15pm
From the Sustainability Committee

The mission of the Sustainability Committee at Washington & Jefferson College is to promote a shared sense of responsibility towards the social, economic, and environmental well-being of our campus, our community, and our world.

- Please consider joining the Sustainability Committee for the 2015-2016 Academic year. Membership is open to all faculty, staff and students.
- Contact Jamie March, Chair of the Sustainability Committee for the 2015-2016 Academic Year if you would like to help.
- Learn more at the Sustainability Wiki.