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.

W&J will host a German Campus Week to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Reunification of Germany from Oct. 3-11. The week’s events include a trivia contest, a film screening of “The Lives of Others” (Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.; Yost Auditorium), and a special display in the Library of memorabilia from East and West Germany, including information on the events that led to reunification. Watch the announcement opening the German border along with other reunification videos here.

The German Campus Week is funded by a grant from the German Information Center.
Professor of Art Patricia Maloney's sabbatical exhibition "A Child's Story" is on display in the Olin Art Gallery from Sept. 18 - Oct. 11. Patricia held an opening reception and artist talk for her exhibition on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, for the campus and community.

The Office of Development & Alumni Relations would like to invite the W&J community to join us on Thursday, Oct. 8th at 5:30 p.m. for the James David Ross Family Recreation Center groundbreaking. The recreation center represents the second phase of the Athletic Complex Renovation and Expansion project. We hope that you will join us in supporting our coaches and student athletes!

The groundbreaking will take place on Oct 1, 2015.

Scholarship

- Dr. Alice Lee, Professor of Biology, took her "Music of Life" FYS class to hear her play on the South Hills Multi-Organist recital on Sept. 14, 2015, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon. The other four recitalists are organists at area churches and Trinity Cathedral.

Library Times

Database of the Month: ICPSR

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) includes more than 700 academic institutions and research organizations. The organization maintains a data archive of more than 500,000 files of research in the social sciences including education, aging, criminal justice, substance abuse, and terrorism. Search for data using ICPSR's search interface. You can browse data by topic, series, geography, and investigator and focus results by using search facets on the right side of the results pages. Many datasets are freely available to the public through the thematic collections.

You can download ICPSR datasets and analyze them on your computer or online. Link to ICPSR's YouTube channel for step by step instructions. Notes: Create your own account; click "Membership in ICPSR" then "Log In/Create Account" in upper left corner of the screen; then follow instructions, including selecting the "Yes" button underneath "May ICPSR allow the OR on your campus to view your information?" Caution: Firefox may not display some text. Use IE or Chrome instead; and set your browser to accept cookies in order for login to succeed.

CSI: W&J Update

If the Library has seemed busier than usual this semester, that's partially because we've had at least 180 students from nine FYS sections in the building for Library orientation via the CSI: W&J mystery game. The game is designed to teach students Library research basics such as searching the

W&J College Art Series

- 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 Lobsang Khamchuk Rinpoche 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
The groundbreaking will take place on the former tennis courts next to the Henry Memorial Gym. For more information, please contact Lori Dougherty, Director of Campaigns and Advancement Operations, at ldougherty@washjeff.edu or x6545.

All W&J Employees and Spouses/Partners are invited to join us at our Annual Benefits Open Enrollment Fair! The fair is an interactive opportunity for you to learn more about your benefits at W&J. The fair will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More details to come.

The monks of the Gaden Shartse Monastery have been working hard all week, constructing a Mandala, interacting with the W&J community and giving lectures in the evenings. Their remaining events include:

- Thursday, Oct. 1
  Mandala Construction in Olin Lobby, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  Evening Performance (ticketed event)
  Olin Theatre, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  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, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  Closing Mandala Ceremony, 3:15 p.m.

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 catalog, searching Summon for academic articles, and finding materials in the building. Another five FYS sections will be completing the program in October and November. The program is not limited to FYS classes and can typically be completed in about 60 minutes, so if you're interested in your class participating, please contact Alexis Rittenberger, Director of Library Services, for more information.

Homecoming & Fall Break Hours

The Library will be open reduced hours during Homecoming and Fall Break. Please refer to the calendar on our Home Page for specifics regarding our hours those weekends.

W&J College Arts Series

presents: Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations, Classic Go Pop!
http://keyboardconversations.com/index
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Olin Fine Arts Center theatre.

We welcome Mr. Siegel back to perform another of his brilliantly polished concerts with commentary. "Classics Go Pop!"
Tell us how to spend our time! Rank the options below. CoLET will use the results to guide our agenda. (1 = least important; 5 = most important)

- Offer examples and workshops of innovative uses of technology in the classroom.
- Consider the feasibility of a video hosting service.
- Offer guidance on the new departmental requirement of incorporating information technology into each department’s curriculum.
- Review the possibility of adopting plagiarism checkers (i.e., Turnitin, iThenticate...).

Is there anything you would like to tell CoLET?

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**New Acquisitions**

The following titles can be found in the library’s New Book corner:

- *Music and the Skillful Listener: American Women Compose the Natural World* by Denise Von Glahn
- *Towards the Flame: Empire, War, and the end of Tsarist Russia* by Dominic Lieven
- *What’s Wrong with the Poor? Psychiatry, Race, and the War on Poverty* by Mical Raz
- *Visual Ecology* by Thomas Cronin
- *Understanding the Korean War: The Participants, the Tactics, and the Course of Conflict* by Arthur Mitchell

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**HR News**

- Warm Welcomes:
  - Joshua Makepeace, Health Coach Intern (Aug. 24)
  - Karen Webb, Adjunct Instructor of Art (Sept. 7)
  - Renate Atzler, Adjunct Instructor of Modern Languages (Sept. 7)
  - Antonio Fernandez Rodriguez, Adjunct Instructor of Modern Languages (Sept. 7)
  - Timothy Brutscher, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Sept. 7)
  - Michael Dorato, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Sept. 7)
  - George Heid, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Sept. 7)
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From the Sustainability Committee

- The Sustainability Committee is divided into several working groups including Transportation, Food and Food Waste, College Operations, and Engagement and Events. Please consider joining the Sustainability Committee and help W&J lower its environmental footprint.
- In a typical year, W&J consumes close to a quarter of a million styrofoam “to go” containers and paper boats, which are used for only a few minutes before heading for eternity in the landfill. You could stop playing a part in that by using reusable to go containers at G&Ts and The Commons.
- Please contact Jamie March to get your reusable to go container or to join the committee.

Recent Donations

- The Library would like to thank Dennis Tihansky ’65 for donating the funds to purchase new couches for the Library’s study areas. The comfy new furniture arrived at the beginning of the fall semester.
- The Archives recently received two donations through the Office of Alumni Relations. An anonymous donor gifted the Archives with a photo collage of all of the members of the Class of 1936 and a watercolor print depicting McMillan Hall and Thompson Hall. Nancy Waite-Hahn also donated photographs, programs, and reunion memorabilia that belonged to her father, James Waite ’23.

Fond Farewells

- Devan Carrington, Residence Life (Sept. 2)
- Sean Dove, Athletics (Sept. 7)
- David Debor, Admission (Sept. 25)

Library Calendar

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

- Friday, Oct. 2 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 3 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 -- Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 3 to 5 p.m.
**News**

- W&J was recently listed among the 610 smartest colleges in the nation, according to an article by Business Insider.

- This year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is Oct. 9 - 10. Faculty and staff are entitled to two complimentary tickets to the Tailgate Lunch and the Fifth Quarter. Email alumni@washjeff.edu today to take advantage of this opportunity.

To see a full schedule of events: jayconnected.com/homecoming

- On Monday, Oct. 12, the Office of Admission will be hosting its annual Columbus Day Open House for perspective students from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See the complete schedule.

**Spotlight on Community Engagement**

**COLLEGE ACCESS YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM** – STAFF/FACULTY NEEDED W&J is selecting several of our students to serve as mentors in the W&J College Access Program. Mentors will be partnered with one or two local high school students who are beginning their college search process and will help them navigate the process through monthly meetings, workshops, and follow up. We are also looking for faculty and staff mentors to help assist with our larger programs and workshops and help to advise the student mentors as well. If you are interested in receiving more information, E-mail volunteer@washjeff.edu.

Stop Hunger Now – Packing Event this Saturday!

Join us for the Stop Hunger Now packing event on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel/Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church at the corner of College and E. Beau. A Meal-packing event will take place at First United Methodist Church right across the street from the college through a mobile operation that delivers ingredients and supplies. During the event, volunteers work in teams at each packaging station. Volunteers set up and take down packaging stations and equipment, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags, box and stack them on pallets, and load the pallets and equipment onto a truck.

- Friday, Oct. 9 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 -- Homecoming: "Union of the Colleges" at the Old Guard Dinner, Parcell Room, 6 pm (Invitation Only)
- Wednesday, Oct. 14 -- Librarian on Location, The Commons, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 16 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level -- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21 -- Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 23 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 2 to 4 p.m
- Saturday, Oct. 24 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 -- Librarian on Location, The Commons, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 30 -- Open Archives Hours, Library lower level, 2 to 4 p.m.
Contact First United Methodist Church at (724) 222-2520 if you would like to volunteer.

October Produce to People – Register Today!

The Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People food distribution is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, Oct. 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 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. Student volunteers are eligible to win a $50 gift card to a local restaurant or store! To register to volunteer, fill out the form here. Please register by Monday, Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Houston Pumpkinfest Volunteer Opportunities Volunteers are needed Saturday, Oct. 3rd to help to tie cornstalks for decorating the town and stage area, the evening of Thursday, Oct. 8th to help set up chairs and benches in the large pavilion area and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 9, 10, 11 to help run timers for inflatable bouncers, take tickets, wash pumpkins, help children decorate pumpkins, and various other tasks. Check us out! http://www.houstonpumpkinfestival.net/. To volunteer, contact Halsey Stockdale at misshalsey@gmail.com or via phone at 724-485-0454.