Green Sheet: Vol. IV, Number 3: November 2015

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.

Submit your news! Past Issues Vol. IV, Number 1: September 2015 Vol. IV, Number 2: October 2015
Vol. IV, Number 3: November 2015 Vol. IV, Number 4: December 2015 Vol. IV, Number 5: January 2016

College Announcements News

- Small packets of Mandala sand are still available on a first-come-first-serve basis at the Olin box office. Hours are noon - 6:00p.m. Monday-Friday.

- Mary Montague, internationally recognized peacemaker and winner of the 2015 Mediators Beyond Borders Peacemaker of the Year and Bremen Peace Award Winner 2015, Category "Public Engagement", is speaking in Rossin Ballroom on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 from 7:00-8:00p.m. with a Q&A period from 8:00-9:00p.m. There is a reception for Ms. Montague immediately following. She is speaking on the following topic: "Us and Them: The Nature of Conflict and Peace."

- On Thursday, Oct. 29, W&J students, faculty, and staff traveled to the Kelly Strayhorn Theatre in Pittsburgh for the 1st Annual Pittsburgh Wild & Scenic Film Festival sponsored by the Pennsylvania Resource Council and Allegheny Cleanways. The event was one of over 140 events taking place nationwide. Festival-goers saw award-winning films like Delta Dawn, Silent River, and American Lawn.
Over the course of 40 years, Ms. Montague has managed to bring opposing parties closer together and has encouraged them to take part in inter-community peace talks. For decades she acted as a mediator in the Northern Ireland conflict and made a significant contribution to reconciling the communities. She has mediated in other areas of crisis throughout the world including Kosovo, the Balkans, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan, the Middle East, Asia, and Northern Africa.

Mary Montague's visit is sponsored by the J. Robert Maxwell '43 Visiting Scholar Series, Maxwell Funds, the Benedum Master Teacher Grant, the Conflict Resolution Concentration, and the Washington & Jefferson College Education Department.

- “Monks’ tea ceremony at W&J draws a crowd” -- The Observer-Reporter gave a review of the Gaden Shartse Monastery of Tibet's Tara Puja Tea Ceremony, which took place on Oct. 1 with more than 150 people attending. W&J's art series aims to bring culturally significant performances to students and, as part of that goal, the College tries to bring the monks back every four years (they were last here in 2008 and 2011) to provide students with the opportunity to broaden their understanding of the world beyond the U.S.

- “East Xtra: Mount Pleasant grad a scoring machine at W&J” -- Sophomore Jordan Toohey has become a super-scorer since transferring to W&J and joining the women’s soccer team. Last week, Toohey was ranked third in Division III with 26 goals and ranked second in points, picking up 59 points in 15 games. She also broke W&J’s single-season scoring mark of 20, which was set in 2013, in just 12 games.

- “Volunteers create butterfly sanctuary in East Washington” -- On Oct. 16, local naturalists teamed up with Washington & Jefferson College to create a butterfly monarch garden. Volunteers worked on a vacant Christman Avenue lot in East Washington planting milkweed

ALL 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. 

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015

Time: 11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m.

Library Times

Database of the Month: Historical Abstracts Full Text

The Library currently has trial access to Historical Abstracts Full Text from EBSCO. This is an upgrade to our current Historical Abstracts database and includes an additional 325 unique journals. The trial database indexes articles from more than 2,600 journals, and provides access to the full text of articles from 540 journals and 140 books in the field of history and related social sciences. Related disciplines include archeology, anthropology, and sociology. Specific titles included in the database include American Historical Review, Clio, Journal of British Studies, Journal of Social History, and more.

To provide feedback on this trial, please contact Alexis Rittenberger, Director of Library Services via email or at ext. 3039.

Library Hours: Thanksgiving Break

The Library will close for Thanksgiving Break on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 5p.m. Please see the calendar on our home page for a complete list of holiday hours.
**Time:** 11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m.  
**Location:** Rossin Ballroom  
* OVER 15 DIFFERENT VENDORS  
* FREE FLU SHOTS (for Highmark members)  
* RAFFLE PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

- On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Center for Energy Policy and Management is holding its annual Energy Summit. This year the Summit addresses shale gas development and the local economy. The program will be held in the Ballroom from 10:00a.m. to 2:30p.m. Contact Diana Stares by Nov. 4 if you are interested in attending.

- "Michael George, candidate for Pa. Supreme Court" -- Michael George '81, Adams County president judge, is currently a candidate for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

---

**New Acquisitions**

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

- *Cancer, Autism and Their Epigenetic Roots* by John Morrow
- *Child Labor in America: A History* by Chaim Rosenberg
- *The Destruction of the Bison: An Environmental History (1750-1920)* by Andrew Isenberg
- *Divided Rule: Sovereignty and Empire in French Tunisia 1881-1938* by Mary Lewis
- *The Cost of Liberty: The Life of John Dickinson* by William Murchison

---

**Spotlight on Community Engagement**

- The Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People food distribution is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 8:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Produce to People is the Food Bank's large-scale produce distribution program.
HR News

- Warm Welcomes:
  - Jason Gostkowski, Campus Police Officer (Nov. 1)

- Congratulations to the following employees on achieving milestone anniversaries with the College in November!
  - Rachael Bolden, User Services Supervisor & ILL Manager, Nov. 1st—10 Years
  - Claudia Sweger, Information Technology Services, Nov. 4th—30 Years
  - Cindy Smith, Administrative Assistant to the VP and Dean of Student Life, Nov. 6th—15 Years
  - Maryann Franco, IT Services Assistant, Nov. 17th—1 Year
  - Liz McClintock, Director of Academic Advising, Nov. 17th—1 Year
  - Bob Allison, Director Human Resources, Nov. 21st—10 Years
  - Tom Schultz, Campus Security Officer, Nov. 30th—1 Year

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, Nov. 2 at 5:00p.m.

Children and Youth Services (CYS) is currently looking for volunteers to help with their toy drive benefiting underserved families in the Washington Area. As a volunteer, individuals may be working at a toy drop-off station, or wrapping gifts that will be distributed to children that will otherwise not receive gifts this year. Dates for volunteering will be Dec. 7-10 in the 4-H building at the Washington Country Fairgrounds. Volunteering will take place during business hours, and the duration of volunteering will be flexible. Please contact Joshua Makepeace (jmakepeace@washjeff.edu) with any further questions or to volunteer.

Community Action Southwest is currently seeking volunteers in Washington County for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The program provides low-to-moderate income households with free income tax filing.
The W&J Camerata Singers, under the direction of Dr. Susan Medley, appeared at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland as part of "Pittsburgh Sings! The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Festival of Choirs." The Cameratas, two high school choirs, and the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale each performed several selections. Then all choirs joined forces to perform four movements of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." Medley also serves as Music Director of the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale.

Dr. Zheya Gai, Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies, presented a paper titled "Sino-Japan Relations: Hot Economics Cold Politics" at the 44th annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies (MAR/AAS) held at the University of Pittsburgh on Oct. 9-11, 2015.

Alexis Rittenberger presented Maximize Your Services Through Outreach at Dartmouth College Library's October Conference on Oct. 16, 2015.

Thank you to all the students, faculty, and staff who wore purple in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and signed our pledge. October was Domestic Violence Awareness month, and members of the W&J community were asked to wear purple in support of domestic violence victims, which includes dating violence. More than half (57%) of college students who report having been in an abusive dating relationship said it occurred in college. Thank you again for supporting this effort designed to serve its clients in a comprehensive fashion. Addressing adult education, employability, housing and
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.

- Are you or a club you advise showing a movie outside of class? Contact Beth Miller for copyright and purchasing assistance.
- CoLET needs your help:
  - Is there a campus location that you wish had better wireless coverage? Tell us about it!
  - The Library wants your help with collection development, including database subscriptions. They are currently scheduling departmental meetings. Contact Alexis Rittenberger to schedule a meeting.
- Current topics:
  - CoLET is exploring how it can best assist individual departments with the new general education requirement involving information technology education. Stay tuned to CoLET Corner for updates or contact Jamie March to learn more.

asset development, while creating opportunities and providing support for economic independence is the framework through which client success is realized. For more information on Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania (DVSSP) and how you can support, go to http://www.peacefromdv.org/.

- Alyssa Evanoff ‘16 was one of the 50 college students nationwide chosen to run an on-campus clothing drive through http://www.dosomething.org and H&M. The collected articles of clothing will be used as secondhand goods (re-worn), converted into other products (reused), or turned into fibers that will eventually make new products (recycled). By accepting her nomination, Alyssa agreed to come as close to the goal of collecting 4,000 articles of clothing as possible during the drive, which ran from Sept. 3 until Oct. 1. In the end, W&J collected over 4,500 articles of clothing and ended in 10th place out of the 50 schools competing. Great job to the students, faculty and staff who participated!
From the Sustainability Committee

- Enjoy the autumn weather outside. Please refer your students and colleagues to the Sustainability Committee’s Connect to Nature resource page. This resource provides many examples of how you can rejuvenate outside.

- **America Recycles Day 2015**
  W&J will be supporting America Recycles Day this November by hosting a series of events Friday, Nov. 13 – Sunday Nov. 15. There will be a recycling scavenger hunt on Friday, a volunteer cleanup with Highland Ridge Community Development from 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. on Saturday, and a screening of a documentary The Clean Bin Project at 3:00p.m. in Yost Auditorium on Sunday. Contact Naomi Bick for details on the recycling scavenger hunt and Alyssa Evanoff to volunteer for Saturday's community cleanup event.