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**College Announcements**

- Students interested in combining scholarship in Asian Studies and Environmental Studies are encouraged to apply for participation in the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and Environment grant. There are four different projects spanning natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities over a four-year period. Student travel to China begins in 2018. Language courses Chinese 105 and 106 must be successfully completed before travel to China. Contact Dr. Robert East or Dr. Zheyu Gai for details.

- Want a free iPhone wallet? An exercise bike? A digital picture frame? A Xerox printer cartridge? These items and more are all available on the Wash Jeff Exchange Facebook page! Support sustainability by selling, donating, or searching for new and gently used goods within the W&J community! Please search "Wash Jeff Exchange" on Facebook or contact site administrator Rebecca McDonald (mcdonald@washjeff.edu) with questions.

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**News**

- The Washington and Jefferson College Education Department led students Megan Bollman and Capri Backus, professors from the Conflict and Resolution concentration, local school administrators, and community leaders to Belfast, North Ireland during spring break to explore the theories and application of restorative practice in schools, communities, and the work place. Maxwell lecturer, W&J Scholar in Residence, internationally recognized award winning peacemaker Mary Montague, her husband Paddy, and Lisa Wilkinson the CEO of TIDES Training and Consultancy hosted the group. TIDES, founded by Mary Montague, is an agency dedicated to equitable peacemaking efforts in communities that have suffered violence and trauma, not only in Northern Ireland, but in Bosnia, Kosovo, Tunisia, the Sudan, and other countries. Mrs. Montague introduced the group to various agencies, politicians, and peace builders in Belfast, and Derry-Londonderry working to bring peace, reconciliation, and healing to their war torn communities. The group also met with the Lord Mayor of Belfast and interviewed combatants on both sides of the North Ireland dispute, including formerly jailed IRA and Loyalists combatants. They presented their sides of the conflict as well as their current efforts to assist in the community’s healing. One participant wrote in her post visit evaluation of the trip, "Belfast has an important lesson for the world and the way the trip was designed it captured the historical events and context that helped in understanding the present. The fact that the Northern Ireland journey to peace is dynamic and not yet a finished product actually makes the experience more relevant and meaningful to practitioners seeking ways to increase dialogue and decrease violence." The W&J Education department is hoping to make this an annual spring break trip. Anyone interested in participating next spring should contact Dr. Jim Longo in the Education Department.

- Pictured in the world famous Belfast City Hall, front row left to right: Vanessa Mayers, Megan Bollman, Lord Mayor Alderman of Belfast, Brian Kingston, Mary Montague, James Longo

- Back row left to right: Diane Day, Capri Backus, Mary Grace Stutzman, Mary Jo Harwood, Stephanie Walsh, D. Ryan Bunting, Patrick Montague

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**Library Times**

- The library was excited to honor our great staff for Administrative Professional's Day. Cheri Duball was specifically honored for 15 years of service to W&J. Pictured at the annual W&J Administrative Professionals' Day Breakfast from left are: Carla Myers, Rachael Bolden, Cheri Duball, & Jayne Silfee.

- PAWS for a Study Break! Get some time out of your busy schedule and join our canine friends in the Walker Room on Wednesday, May 10 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Spending time with animals is proven to lower stress -- and our furry stress counselors would love to see you there.

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Before you leave for summer vacation, don’t forget to think about how the library can help you plan for the fall semester. For books or DVDs that you need to support your curriculum, please have your requests placed by July 31 with Cheri Duball to allow for ordering and processing of your items. For questions about Course Packs/Copyright Clearance, please contact Beth Miller.

Get a librarian in your classroom! Dates fill up fast for library instruction classes and we want to help your students learn the latest and most credible research methods. Be sure to get your
HR News

Congratulations to our winner and runner-ups for the Healthiest President Challenge that ended in April! The winner was Charlene Bedillion from Financial Aid, who lost 15.37% of her body weight. Our Runner Up was Kerri Lacock from Alumni Relations, who lost 11.64% of her body weight. Third place was Karen Liggett from Parkhurst Dining, who lost 8.60% of her body weight. A total of 37 participants completed a 10 week weight loss challenge. Congratulations to everyone who took part of this annual program!

Congratulations to the following employees who are celebrating milestone anniversaries with the College in May!

- Emily Butler, Academic Affairs, May 1—1 Year
- Denise Spinnenweber, Alumni Relations, May 2—15 Years

Please welcome the following employees who will be joining the W&J Community!

- Kelly Helm, College Archivist, (May 22)

We would like to congratulate Nita Myers on her well-deserved retirement! Nita retired from W&J on April 30, 2017 after working at W&J for over 17 years. She originally worked in the Facilities department and then transitioned to Advancement where she spent most of her career. Her most recent position was the Reunion and Parent Giving Coordinator. We thank her for all her hard work over the years. Congratulations Nita!

The W&J Camerata Singers performed the National Anthem at the April 12 Pittsburgh Pirates game at PNC Park.

Washington and Jefferson College’s Education Department hosted a three day workshop February 24, 25, 26 for international trainers from Mediators Beyond Borders International. The workshop focused on the implementation of their “Trauma Informed Peacebuilding and Development Assistance Curriculum” used to assist humanitarian aid organizations and NGOs address the impact of trauma in post war conflict countries. Professors Ryan Bunting and Jim Longo met and worked with mediators from Pakistan, Northern Ireland, Lebanon, Switzerland, India, South Sudan, Liberia, and Kenya. Dr. Longo is the educational consultant for Mediators Beyond Borders International. Professor Bunting is working on his doctorate in Educational Leadership with a focus on restorative practice in schools and communities, which is imbedded in this curriculum. Dr. Longo presented a training session to workshop participants on effective teaching methodologies.

The staff of the U. Grant Miller Library invited the college community to the unveiling of a special exhibit on April 26th featuring W&J history. The library has assembled a display regarding theatrical performances that have taken place in the Olin Fine Arts Center since its construction. The exhibit is located at the bottom of the stairs on the lower level of the library. The effort also features an online component titled “Olin Fine Arts Center: A Timeline of Dramatic Arts.” You can access the timeline here: http://bit.ly/2ofl06b.

New Acquisitions

The following award-winning novels can be found in the New Book Corner:

- Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
- My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout
- The Portable Véblem by Elizabeth McKenzie
- The Sport of Kings by C.E. Morgan
- The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Library Calendar

Summer hours begin June 1, so please check our website for the library’s adjusted hours.

Extended Finals Hours

- Wednesday, May 10 (Reading Day): 8 am to 3 am
- Thursday, May 11: 7 am to 3 am
- Friday, May 12: 7 am to midnight
- Saturday, May 13: 9 am to 9 pm

Missing ROTC Trophies

The Office of Development is in search of ROTC trophies (won by alumni from the late 60’s/early 70’s) that disappeared in the early 90’s when the ROTC program here and on many campuses was consolidated under one regional institution - in W&J’s case, we rolled in under Duquesne University. It is this office’s hope that someone within our staff and faculty may have seen these trophies tucked away in a closet or basement of one of our buildings. Please contact Susan Kepler, x6095 if you have any information.
Scholarship

- Congratulations to our 10 new initiates to the Nu chapter of the Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society! Pictured are (L-Micaelan Valesky, Nicholas Willison, Camilyn Clemenza, Hillary Pratt, Patrick Fredrick, Grace McCarthy, Ran Wei, Heather Wells, Timothy Yeung, Joseph Yano, and faculty advisor Dr. Alice Lee.

- W&J was one of three finalists in the entire country to be awarded the Henry Luce Foundation’s LIASE (Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and Environment) Implementation Grant. Co-Principal Investigators Dr. Robert East and Dr. Zheya Gai will lead a team of faculty members and students in conducting collaborative research with institutions in China. Dr. Zheya Gai and Dr. Nichole Fifer will spearhead a project on “Transition of Resource-Based Cities in China”; Dr. Robbie Iuliucci will focus on “Isolating Plant Metabolites for Economic/Ecological/Social Impacts”; Dr. Jason Kilgore and Dr. Jen Logan-Bayline will investigate “Bioremediation of Contaminated Sites”; Dr. Robert East, Dr. Patrick Caffrey, and Dr. James March will oversee “Collaboration with the Sino-German Eco-Park” which includes student internships and collaborative faculty research; and Dr. Han Ye will expand Chinese language opportunities. During the 4-year grant period, W&J faculty and students will travel to China, Chinese scientists will visit W&J to conduct scholarly work, and W&J faculty will develop and expand curricular opportunities in Asian-Environmental Studies.

- Congratulations to Dr. Charles Hannon and Dr. Nichole Fifer, recipients of the 2017 Kenneth M. Mason Sr. Summer Faculty Research Grants. Dr. Hannon will be conducting research related to “the human problem” in artificial intelligence and the development of humanoid robots and conversational chatter. Dr. Fifer will be conducting research to examine federal budget and administrative reforms of the Obama and Trump administrations.

Spotlight on Community Engagement

From the Sustainability Committee