
College Announcements

• The Office of Study Abroad announces this term’s Semester Abroad Showcases, all at 5 p.m. in the Media Room: Monday, Sept. 12; Thursday, Nov. 10; and Thursday, Dec. 1. Each Showcase includes general information about study abroad as well as presentations from students who have already spent a semester or year abroad. They are a great way for students to learn more about their options from a student’s perspective. All are welcome! Please encourage your students to attend. The deadline to apply for spring 2017 study abroad is Oct. 1.

• It’s an exciting time for the Presidents as we start another academic year. As you know, fall is also the time we welcome home our graduates at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! The Office of Alumni Relations would like to invite you to take part in Homecoming & Reunion Weekend by offering you two complimentary tickets for the following activities on Saturday, Oct. 8: Tailgate Lunch from Noon–1:30 p.m. (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn) and Fifth Quarter from 4:30–7:30 p.m. (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn). If you choose to take advantage of the complimentary tickets, please email alumni@washjeff.edu by Friday, Sept. 23. Once your registration has been made, tickets can be picked up on Friday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. OR Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Barron P. McCune Alumni House.

• Maximize your gift to Washington & Jefferson College by donating through the Washington County Community Foundation’s (WCCF) Day of Giving on Sept. 13! 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 you to help us increase the impact of the gifts made throughout the day. To make your gift on Sept.13, visit www.wccfgives.org.

• You are invited to attend the first faculty colloquium of Fall 2016! 2015 Mason Grant winner Kyle Simpson will be presenting "Storytellers: Something In Between" with The Kyle Simpson Jazz Collective, Stories Behind the Music" on Monday, Sept. 19 at noon in the Media Room.


Scholarship

• Dr. Candy S. DeBerry, Professor of Biology, will speak on "Thomas Jefferson: Advocate for Native Plants" at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at the John White House on the Washington County Fairgrounds at 2151 N. Main St, Washington, Pa. Dr. DeBerry will discuss President Thomas Jefferson's conviction that the native plants of North America were crucial for the success of the newly formed United States and describe his efforts to promote and protect our native plants. The presentation is sponsored by the Washington County Master Gardeners, through Penn State Extension. A $10 donation is requested. To register, contact the Penn State Extension office at 724-228-6881 or lkd10@psu.edu.

• Jason Kilgore, Associate Professor of Biology, was elected to a three-term position on the Board of Directors for the Ecological Research as Education Network (EREN), a network of over 220 primarily undergraduate institutions developing collaborative research projects and curriculum.

• Associate Professor of Art Patrick Schmidt participated in two group exhibitions over the summer: "Contemporary Color Fields" at the Todd Weiner Gallery in Kansas City, Mo., and "Color" at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

• Dr. Jason Kilgore and Daniel Toski (EVS ’16) presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America (Savannah, Ga., August 2016) titled, "Arboretum trees minimally mitigate emissions by gas and electric utilities in an urban campus." Dr. Kilgore also presented a co-authored paper with Dr. Ben Dolan (Univ Findlay) entitled "Driving changes: Exploring the influence of emergald ash borer (Agrilus planipennis) on the diversity of forest ground flora," which Dr. Dolan then presented at an Organized Oral Session at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America (Fl Lauderdale, Fla., August 2016).

• Assistant Professor of Music Kyle Simpson will be releasing his first professional album this fall entitled "Something In Between" with the Kyle Simpson Jazz Collective. This album features some of the most talented and celebrated Pittsburgh artists such as Paul Thompson (bass), Tony DePaolis (bass), George Heid III (drummer and W&J music faculty), Reggie Watkins (trombone), Emmett Goods (Trombone), John Petruccelli

Library Times

New Director of Library Services

The Library is pleased to welcome Ronalee Ciocco as the new Director of Library Services. Ronalee comes to W&J from Gettysburg College, where she was the Director of User Services. At Gettysburg, she managed a 400,000 volume collection and the library’s website and online resources, participated in many new library initiatives, and coordinated ongoing usability assessment. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Haverford College and a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ronalee’s office is on the main level of the U. Grant Miller Library, and she can be reached at rciocco@washjeff.edu or X3039.

Testing Text & Chat Reference

The Library will be testing a new service allowing patrons to submit reference questions via text message or chatting online with a Librarian. Users can find the new feature on the Library’s home page under Contact Us and will see the “Chat with a Librarian” option when a librarian is online. Please try it out and let us know what you think!

Library OnDemand is Live

A new series of videos titled Library OnDemand is available on the Library’s web site to help guide students through some frequently asked questions. Students can take a tour of our home page, get an overview of Library resources and services, and refresh themselves on smart searching techniques. We hope these videos will supplement what students learn in the Library and serve as a guide when they’re working on their own. Please submit ideas for additional videos to Samantha Martin at smartin@washjeff.edu.

http://libguides.washjeff.edu/greensheet/Sept2016
Our 2016-17 Arts Series opens with a request from Modern Languages and our W&J Hispanic students. A chamber music theatre work featuring a singing actress and a musical trio (cello, piano, and percussion) based on the lives of three legendary Latin American Women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya, and Argentine poet Alfonsina Storni. Text is by Marjorie Agosín. Music includes popular and folk songs from Mexico, El Salvador, and Argentina as well as vocal and instrumental music by Astor Piazzolla, Carlos Gardel, and Osvaldo Golijov.

Two FREE tickets per W&J Id. Please call the Olin box office M-F, noon-6 p.m. to reserve at 724-223-6546.

The album will be available on CDbaby.com, iTunes, Amazon, and many other digital download sites starting Oct. 1, 2016. Assistant Professor Simpson will also be giving a faculty colloquium about the album on Sept. 19 at noon in the Media Room.

The album features all original compositions written in a ten-year period from 2005-2015. The only arrangement on the album comes when Simpson reworked a Robert Schumann art-song entitled “Lovely Month of May.” In response to the name of the album Simpson said, “I wanted the album to express my musical language, which I feel is something in between jazz and contemporary classical music.” Some of the artists that Simpson mentioned as influence on his personal style include Steve Reich, Maria Schneider, Igor Stravinsky, and Pat Metheny. “Some might think it a bit of a stretch to find those artists’ influence on the album, but I believe its there, in different ways throughout the album.”

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We would like to congratulate the following employees who are celebrating milestone service anniversaries in the month of September!

- Lisa Chappel, Admission, Sept. 10—15 Years
- Cathy Uselton, President’s Office, Sept. 16—20 Years
- Karen Gerardi, Admission, Sept. 25—10 Years

New Acquisitions
The following titles have been added to the library’s collection and can be found in the New Book Corner:

- Mindhunter: Inside the FBI Elite Serial Crime Unit by John Douglas
- The Submerged Plot and the Mother’s Pleasure: From Jane Austen to Arundhati Roy by Kelly Marsh
- Why You Can’t Teach United States History without American Indians Susan Sleeper-Smith, editor
- African Americans Against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism, and the Black Freedom Movement by Vincent Intondi
- Photochemistry and Photophysics: Concepts, Research, Applications Vincenzo Balzani, editor

Recent Donations
The Archives would like to thank Stephan Loewenthall ’72 for a generous donation that allowed the College to purchase a collection of letters and papers belonging to David Redick, and early trustee of Washington Academy. Redick was a surveyor who helped lay out the town of Washington and was involved in local politics. You can read more about the collection here.

The Archives would also like to thank Ken Mason for the donation of College-related materials that belonged to his father, Kenneth M. Mason, Sr. The materials will be incorporated into the Archives.

The Library would like to thank Dr. Mark Swift for the donation of a collection of books.

Library Calendar
You can find our friendly Library staff at the following events in — and out of — the Library this month.

- Thursday, Sept. 8: Library Land Returns! Listen on WNJR from 1 to 2 pm.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: Open Archives Hours, Library Lower Level, 2 to 4 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 15: Library Land, WNJR, 1 to 2 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: Library on Location, The Commons, 11:30 am to 1 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: Open Archives Hours, Library Lower Level, 2 to 4 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 22: Library Land, WNJR, 1 to 2 pm
- Friday, Sept. 23: Feel Good Friday — Banned Books Week Event, in front of Rossan, 11 am to 1 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: Library on Location, The Commons, 11:30 am to 1 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: Open Archives Hours, Library Lower Level, 2 to 4 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 29: Library Land, WNJR, 1 to 2 pm
News

• Karin Maresh is directing a production of William Cameron’s play Violet Sharp at the Apple Hill Playhouse in Delmont, Pa., this month, her fifth production there. Production dates are Sept. 29–Oct. 1 and Oct. 6–8 at 7:30 p.m. There is also a matinee at 2 p.m. on Oct. 2.

• Please join faculty and staff of the conflict resolution studies (CRS) concentration and the education department in welcoming peacemakers Mary and Paddy Montague back to campus this fall. Mary Montague is the 2015 recipient of the Mediators Beyond Borders Peacemaker of the Year Award and the Bremen (Germany) Peace Award 2015. She is an internationally recognized mediator who helped to found TIDES Training, an organization focused on peacemaking; helping people deal with the challenges of everyday life; addressing the legacy of political violence; and engaging with a more globalized society. Last fall and spring Mary was a guest lecturer on campus; this fall she is a scholar in residence with the CRS concentration. In the summer of 2016, Washington & Jefferson College student, Ethan Heller, worked with Mary and Paddy on conflict resolution training in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In the spring of 2017, the education department and CRS concentration are hoping to take a group of students to Northern Ireland to work with TIDES training methodologies. If you are interested in spending spring break in Belfast to do mediation training, please see Dr. Longo in the education department. Mary and Paddy’s offices are located in room 008 Burnett Center. Welcome Mary and Paddy!

From the Sustainability Committee

• Start off the new academic year right by joining the WashJeff Exchange Facebook group. It’s a convenient, fun, and sustainable way to buy, sell, trade, and give away items within the W&J Community. Find new and gently used clothes, office supplies, and much more! Search Wash Jeff Exchange on Facebook and submit your request to join. Contact site administrator Rebecca McDonald (rmodonald@washjeff.edu) with any questions.

• Are you interested in being a part of the conversation surrounding sustainability initiatives at W&J? Please consider attending a Sustainability Committee meeting! Meetings are once per month, and committee members are encouraged to join and participate in our working groups. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form here. Students also participate in our committee, so please encourage any interested students to attend!

• GWCFB Taste of Washington - Sept. 8 The Greater Washington County Food Bank will hold its ninth annual Taste of Washington from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at The Meadows Casino Event Center. The evening will be filled with food, drinks, music, and giveaways, with all proceeds benefiting the Greater Washington County Food Bank. Guests can sample flavorful foods from various local restaurants and cast a vote for the event’s "Best Dish" award. The evening also will feature lifetime achievement recognition for Peg Wilson, board president, who has donated 15 years of her time to the organization. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $40 at www.ticketfly.com or at The Meadows Casino Gift Shop. Tickets will be $45 at the door. For more information, contact the Greater Washington County Food Bank at 724-632-2190, ext. 4, or donorrelations@gwcfb.org.

• Northwood Charitable Foundation presents: The Inaugural Mission Possible! On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, Northwood Charitable Foundation is holding the inaugural Mission Possible! Morning 5K Race at 7 a.m. and Evening Dinner Dance from 6-10 p.m. Mission Possible is a 5K race and 1 mile fun walk to benefit the Washington City Missions New Veterans Housing Facility. Register at www.washingtoncitymissionpossible.racewire.com. The race route will start and end at the American Legion Post 175. Race streets include Park Avenue, College Street, South Lincoln, East Chestnut, West Beau, and East Maiden. All participants will receive a Mission Possible Race T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the following categories: Senior 55 and above, Adult 18-54, Junior 18 and under.

• Poverty Simulation - SAVE THE DATE! - Oct. 12. We will be hosting a Poverty Simulation with Community Action Southwest on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. The poverty simulation is an interactive experience which creates a conversation around poverty and is facilitated by the staff of Community Action SW. Faculty can reserve spots for their class or staff advisors can reserve spots for any student organizations. We hope that you’ll encourage your students to attend!
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.