College Announcements

- An information session on research internships in the sciences was held Nov. 20 to discuss the various types of science research internships available off-campus next summer. Topics included how to find internship opportunities, tips on filling out applications, and sources of funding to support an internship. Current W&J students discussed their Summer 2013 internship experiences and answered questions.

- Congratulations to Christine Shaffer from the Office of Financial Aid. She recently earned her master's degree in education from California University of Pa. Her concentration is early childhood education.

- The 2012-2013 Honor Roll of Donors is now available online at www.washjeff.edu/honorroll. Thank you to our alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends who contributed to Washington & Jefferson College during the 2012-13 fiscal year. Your gifts touch nearly every aspect of life at W&J. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and makes a difference. Thank you for supporting current and future generations of Presidents.

News

- Stuart Miller, Ph.D., professor of sociology, addressed the Japanese Association of Human Relations Nov. 2 at the new Katushika campus of the Tokyo University of Science (TUS). The association currently is working to ameliorate the human problems caused by the Fukushima tsunami and nuclear disaster. Many of the association’s members are also high school counselors who deal with problems such as those resulting from the Fukushima tsunami and with trauma problems of juvenile bullying and victimization in high schools.

- Miller also addressed the high school counselors about the English language Institute at W&J and was assisted by W&J Japanese alumni Junichio Kato ’94 and Rei Yoshimura ’02 as well as a recent Japanese exchange student. These former members of the W&J community, along with Professor Minonu Itoh of TUS, also worked with the high school counselors on how to address bullying in schools they serve.

- Another address was given by Miller to the Samukawi International Exchange Association (SIEA) which is supported, in part, by Edward Greb, Ph.D., professor of sociology, and which has provided home stays for several hundred W&J College students in their intersession trips to Japan. Current planning calls for students on that trip to meet some of their Japanese compatriots in January 2015.

Human Resources News

- The Open Enrollment period will run through December 13. Changes made during Open Enrollment are effective January 1. If you have any questions or need assistance with Open Enrollment, please contact Human Resources.

- New Employees: Carrie Kane, Textbook Coordinator; Fond Farewells: Shawn Marek, Head Track and Field/Cross Country Coach
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.

New features of the Microsoft Exchange 2013 (i.e. College email) upgrade:

- The Outlook Web App interface is similar to Outlook 2013.
- The Web App is no longer dependent on the browser; calendar and e-mail functionality is standard! Go ahead and open whichever web browser you like!
- Start an e-mail on your office computer and finish it in the Web App from home without saving it to the draft folder!
- Customize your email experience by altering the settings. This includes the ability to turn off threaded conversations, use a 'light' version, or make your calendar public.

Learn more or attend a drop-in session:
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2:30-4 p.m., Technology Center 103A, or Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9-11 a.m., Technology Center 103A.

From the Sustainability Committee

- Can you put paper cups from G&Ts or Barista into recycling?
- Is there sufficient sunlight in Southwestern Pennsylvania to make Solar energy profitable?
- What is more friendly to the environment, drying hands with paper towels or electric hand driers?

Find the answers to these questions and others by watching students present their Campus Greening Projects at the W&J Poster Session on December 6.

Library Times

Free Access to Research by 2013 Nobel Laureates

Elsevier and Science Direct are making a collection of by 2013 Nobel Laureates available for free in Science Direct. The collection includes work in the fields of Medicine, Chemistry, Physics and Economics.

You can see a list of the freely available articles here. You can also access the articles directly by clicking the links instead of looking them up in Science Direct.

New Electronic Resources

The Library recently added two new regional history databases to its offerings. Counties and Regional Histories & Atlases: Pennsylvania provides access to primary source documents on 15 PA regions and cities including tables and lists of vital statistics, military service records, municipal and county officers, chronologies, portraits of individuals and views of urban and rural life. The atlases provide additional information on land use and settlement patterns and scarce early town and city plans.

Mountain People: Life and Culture in Appalachia includes diaries, journals, and narratives of explorers, emigrants, military men, Native Americans, and travelers. In addition, there are accounts on the development of farming and mining communities, family histories, and folklore. These accounts provide a view of the of the vast region between Lexington, Kentucky, and Winchester, Virginia, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Birmingham, Alabama, which spans three and a half centuries and provides information on the social, political, economic, scientific, religious and agricultural characteristics of the region.

The Library is happy to provide one-on-one assistance with these new resources and can also schedule instructional sessions for your class. Please request an instruction session here.
New Acquisitions

The following titles have been added to the Library's collection and can be found in the New Book corner:

- **American Genesis: The Evolution Controversies from Scopes to Creation Science** (Jeffrey Moran)
- **Toussaint Louverture: a Biography** (Madison Bell)
- **The Rebellion of Ronald Reagan: A History of the End of the Cold War** (James Mann)
- **Making Freedom: The Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith** (Chandler Saint)
- **Making a Way Out of No Way: African American Women and the Second Migration** (Lisa Krissoff Boehm)

Also, the following Oscar-nominated foreign films are available:

- **Kon Tiki**
- **Amour**
- **War Witch**

Recent Donations

The Archives would like to thank Dr. James Hammett, who came to W&J with the Class of 1946, for his participation in the Veterans' History Project. Dr. Hammett was interviewed for the oral history collection by Alexis Rittenberger, Director of Library Services, on November 20. Dr. Hammett's college career was interrupted when he joined the Army during World War II. His story will be a valuable addition to the Library of Congress' research project.

The Archives would also like to thank Roberta Annan Waltersdorf for donating College memorabilia that belonged to John M. Waltersdorf ’47. Included in the collection are notes and lab reports created by Mr. Waltersdorf during his time as a student, Commencement programs, and a program from the ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of Phi Gamma Delta.

The Archives accepts donations of College-related materials, as well as personal collections of alumni and faculty affiliated with the College.

Scholarship

- Ketwana Schoos, assistant dean of student life and director of diversity programs & multicultural affairs, presented at the 18th Annual National Learning Communities Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, Nov. 8. The title of her presentation was "Beyond 'Just Us': Your Place in Cultural Connectedness - A Themed Learning Community Model."


- Zheya Gai, Ph.D., professor of political science and director of international studies, presented a paper entitled "China in the UN Security Council: Behaving as a Responsible Stakeholder?" at the 45th Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association Nov. 14-16 in Philadelphia.

- Annette Drew-Bear, professor of english, presented a paper on "Theatricality in 'Lust's Dominion" at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Conference Oct. 23.

- Charles Hannon, professor of computing and information studies, published an essay in the Fall 2013 issue of *College and University, Facilitating Transfer Students' Transition to a Liberal Arts College.*

Paws for a Study Break is Back!

Paws for a Study Break will return to U. Grant Miller Library for two sessions on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8. Paws for a Study Break brings dogs from the Pittsburgh chapter of Therapy Dogs International to campus as a stress-relieving activity for the campus community. Last spring, more than 100 students came to the Library to spend time with the canine counselors, so the event has been expanded to allow more students to participate.

The dogs will be in the Walker Room, on the lower level of the Library, from 11:30 a.m.-1:45 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Please stop by, and encourage your students to take a study break and visit!

You can see pictures from last semester's event on our Facebook page. Like our page while you're there to keep up on Library happenings!
Library Calendar

You can find your friendly Library staff at the following events in the Library and around campus.

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**
- Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 7**
- Paws for a Study Break, Walker Room, U. Grant Miller Library, 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Library opens 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 8**
- Paws for a Study Break, Walker Room, U. Grant Miller Library, 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**First 48 & Finals Hours**
- Saturday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 8: 11-3 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 9: 7-3 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 10: 7-3 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 11: 8-2 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 12: 8-2 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 13: 8 a.m.-midnight
- Saturday, Dec. 14: 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Intersession Hours**
Looking ahead to January, the Library's hours during Intersession will be as follows:
- Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-midnight
- Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m.-midnight

Faculty-Staff Book Club

The Faculty-Staff Book Club's December selection is *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. The meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 12 to 1 pm, in the Parcell Room in the Commons. Here is the synopsis of the book from Goodreads.com:

*Every Thursday morning for two years in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a bold and inspired teacher named Azar Nafisi secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students to read forbidden Western classics. As Islamic morality squads staged arbitrary raids in Tehran, fundamentalists seized hold of the universities, and a blind censor stifled artistic expression, the girls in Azar Nafisi's living room risked removing their veils and immersed themselves in the worlds of Jane Austen, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Henry James, and Vladimir Nabokov. In this extraordinary memoir, their stories become intertwined with the ones they are reading. Reading Lolita in Tehran is a remarkable exploration of resilience in the face of tyranny and a celebration of the liberating power of literature.*

Please join us for a conversation about this book.