College Announcements


- The Board of Trustees added the following members at the March 1 meeting: Peggy Northrop, editor-in-chief of Time Inc.’s Sunset Magazine; Clyde Jones, President, Medical and Health Sciences Foundation and Chief Development Officer UPMC; and Pete Mooney, Managing Director for the Global Life Sciences and Health Care Industry Practice of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited

- "A Vision for Coal," this academic year's final installment of the Center for Energy Policy & Management's Energy Lecture Series, will be held March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Howard J. Burnett Center's Yost Auditorium. Steve Winberg, vice president, research and development, Consol Energy Inc., and Dr. Peter C. Balash, deputy director, Office of Strategic Energy Analysis and Planning, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy, will discuss the role they envision for coal in the coming years in the domestic and international markets, addressing both technological and economic issues.

- The Office of Communications would like to thank the faculty for participating in the recent photo shoot. These professional photos will be an asset to the new Web site and be made available for faculty's personal use for conferences and events, publications, etc. Thank you for your support of this important project.

- The first Washington Fellows Scholarship Weekend was held in February and the second is scheduled for April 4-5. The Washington Fellows Program is a new honors program being introduced at W&J.

- There will be an open house, including the artwork of library intern Sophia McGuire, at Modern Formations Art Gallery & Performance Space on March 7 from 6-9 p.m.

News

- Anne McGrain and Anu Shanmuganathan, biology, have just been awarded a grant from ExxonMobil and The Bernard Harris Foundation to administer a summer science camp for middle school students in June 2014. The camp is also partially funded by the College. Students who will enter 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in fall 2014 in Washington or Allegheny counties and are members of under served or underrepresented populations are eligible to apply. The theme of the camp is "Foodology": The Science of Food. Campers will stay in dorms and activities will include making cheese and ice cream; learning about pollination and honey production; studying food safety; and testing processed foods. Contact wandj.foodology@gmail.com.

- For advice for students interested in studying abroad, see what Brianne Bilsky, Magellan Project coordinator, has to say.
• Mike Orstein, who is in his 26th season as the leader of the Presidents' swimming & diving programs, and 1977 graduate Angelo Morascyzk will be part of the 2014 class of the Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on June 13 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Meadow Lands. Tickets for the banquet are $45.00 each and can be purchased by calling (724) 678-4320.

• Assistant Professor Kyle Simpson was featured with the West Hills Symphonic Band on Sunday March 2nd. Simpson premiered a new arrangement written specifically for West Hills. The piece is entitled "Tribute To Cinema" and it also featured Simpson as the trumpet soloist. The concert was at West Allegheny High School.

• Devan Carrington, residence life coordinator for diversity programs & multicultural affairs, accompanied the inaugural cohort of Charles West Fellows to the National Black, Brown and College Bound Conference in Tampa, Fla., Feb.12-15. Named after the renowned physician, athlete, and W&J graduate, the goal of the Charles West Fellows is to increase the recruitment, retention and success of African American male students. One of the program requirements includes participation in co-curricular activities aimed at enhancing students' personal, academic and social growth. The Black, Brown & College Bound Conference will give participants the opportunity to interact with nationally renowned speakers and researchers who shared empirical data, best practices and model programs. The conference's Opening Keynote Speaker was Earvin "Magic" Johnson, retired NBA legend.

• The W&J Education Office and the Benedum Foundation hosted a Presidents' Day celebration February 17. Sixth grade students from Washington Park School were invited to come to campus. This was arranged by Assistant Principal Mary Grace Stutzman, the 2011-2112 Benedum Master Teacher. Students heard an eighth grade student from John F. Kennedy Catholic School recite The Gettysburg Address from memory and got to meet Abraham Lincoln in the person of Gary Ford, a W&J alum and AP American History teacher from Mt. Lebanon High School. All third, fourth, and fifth grade students throughout Washington County were invited to submit drawings of their favorite presidential couple in history. All Washington County High School students were invited to submit 150 word essays on “The First Lady who best represented all that is great about America”. Students, teachers, and parents from throughout the county and W&J education students attended the event.
**Human Resources News**

- W&J's 3rd Annual Biggest Loser Competition is in full swing! The competition just ended its 4th week. There are 27 highly competitive participants. Some employees have already lost over 6 percent of their total body weight! The overall winner will be announced on April 11!
- Upcoming Events from Human Resources: March 6: PNC Homebuyer's Seminar; March 26: Self-Defense Class; April 16: Meditation Seminar

**New Faces**

- Please welcome the following employees to W&J: Dana Poole, Director of the English Language Institute; Christine Shoup, Technical Services Coordinator

**Scholarship**

- Research by Nichole Fifer, visiting professor in political science, was featured in the *London School of Economics Policy Blog*. The corresponding research article was published in the *Policy Studies Journal (PSJ)* in late November.
- Deborah Sunderland, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor in the chemistry department, just published a peer-reviewed paper titled, "Studying Crystal Structures through the Use of Solid State Model Kits," in *The Journal of Chemical Education.*

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**Database of the Month: Points of View Reference Center**

This full-text database provides essays outlining multiple sides of a current issue. The content serves as a guide to debate, building arguments, writing position papers, and developing critical thinking skills. Over 1,140 essays provide questions and materials for further thought and study and are accompanied by thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications. POV also includes the Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century, providing a searchable collection of some of the most important social, political, and cultural moments of the 20th century. Most of the publications and broadcast sources are covered from 1996 to present. The database is updated daily.

**Course-Specific Help Guides Available**

Looking for a way to consolidate digital information relevant to your courses into one place? The Library can help! We can create an online help guide by subject or for a specific course that will provide students with background information, highlight relevant Library resources, reinforce citation basics, and get them started on the right path for research. You can browse all of our online help guides at the [info.licio.us](http://info.licio.us) section of our web site. Please contact [John Henderson](mailto:johnhenderson@washjeff.edu) for more information about setting up a guide for your classes.

**W&J History: Sororities on Campus**

Sophia McGuire, our archival intern from the University of Pittsburgh, is working on a project documenting the formation of sororities here at W&J. This will include an open house event with photographs, minutes, artifacts, as well as personal experiences from women who were involved in the first sororities on campus. If you have any interest in this project, or additional information you would like to contribute, Sophia can be reached at smcguire@washjeff.edu.
New Acquisitions
The following books have recently been added to our collection:

- *Secret World of Doing Nothing* by Orvar Lofgren
- *Living as Form: Socially Engaged Art* by Nato Thompson
- *Japan 1941: Countdown to Infamy* by Eri Hotta
- *On the Art of Singing* by Richard Miller

Also, we have added the following Academy Award-nominated films:

- *Captain Phillips*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- *Despicable Me 2*
- *The Hunt*
- *Blue Jasmine*

Recent Donations
The Office of Community Engagement donated *Inequality for All* to the Library in February. If you weren't able to attend the screening of the film by Robert Reich, former U.S. Secretary of Labor, the film will soon be available in New Book Corner.

The Archives would like to thank Lois Roeser for her donation of a portrait of Reverend John Eagleson (Jefferson Class of 1829). Rev. Eagleson was a Presbyterian minister in Buffalo, Pa., from 1833-1873, and he was a trustee at Washington College and W&J.

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.

- Please remember to use your W&J e-mail address when submitting web forms to the Library (i.e. interlibrary loan, reserves, purchase requests) in order to ensure your requests are not filtered to spam folders.

Informer

- Need a 4-letter Colleague Department Code? Look on the [Informer Support page](#) under resources.

- The ITS Department offers training sessions for both Informer and Colleague. Visit the [ITS training calendar](#) for a complete listing.

From the Sustainability Committee
There are many ways to connect to nature. For ideas on places to go or things to do near W&J, please check the Sustainability Committee's Connect to Nature page found [here](#). While there, please check out other components of the Sustainability@W&J webpage and let us know if you have any questions or have recommendations for content to add.
Library Calendar

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

**Wednesday, March 5**
- Librarian on Location, 11 a.m-1 p.m., The Commons
- Archives Walk-In Hours, 3-5 p.m.

**Thursday, March 6**
- Library Land, 1-2 p.m., on your radio at 91.7 or streaming at [wnjr.org](http://wnjr.org)

**Wednesday, March 12**
- Librarian on Location, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., George & Tom's
- Archives Walk-In Hours, 3-5 p.m.

**Thursday, March 13**
- Library Land, 1-2 p.m., on your radio at 91.7 or streaming at [wnjr.org](http://wnjr.org)

**Wednesday, March 26**
- Librarian on Location, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., The Commons
- Archives Walk-In Hours, 3-5 p.m.

**Thursday, March 27**
- Library Land, 1-2 p.m., on your radio at 91.7 or streaming at [wnjr.org](http://wnjr.org)

For the Library’s hours during Spring Break, please check the Calendar on our [home page](http://home.page).