College Announcements

- Carlos Rodriguez, president and chief executive officer of Automatic Data Processing Inc. (ADP), one of the largest providers of business process and cloud-based solutions to employers and automotive dealerships around the world, will deliver the keynote address at the College’s Commencement ceremony May 17 at 10 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Olin Fine Arts Center on Wheeling Street. Rodriguez will receive an honorary degree, as will Rita Colwell, Ph.D., distinguished university professor at the University of Maryland at College Park and Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health; Kyle Abraham, choreographer and dancer who began his dance training at the Civic Light Opera Academy and the Creative and Performing Arts High School in Pittsburgh; Her Excellency Dr. Rawya Saud Al Busaidi, Oman’s minister of higher education and the first woman in the Sultanate of Oman to be appointed to full ministerial rank; and Rabbi Sarah Schecther, the first female rabbi to serve as a chaplain in the active-duty U.S. Air Force. A captain in the Air Force, Schecther is currently the chaplain at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Schecther will be the keynote speaker at the Baccalaureate service May 16 at 6 p.m. in Church of the Covenant on East Beau Street.

- Please review the updated 2014 /2015 academic calendar. The Office of Academic Affairs recently made substantial changes. (Highlighted PDF)

- Kay McEvoy, Ph.D., associate professor of English, will offer an informational session on writing and revising resumes and cover letters at 2:15 p.m. on May 5 in Old Main Room 201. Faculty are requested to announce this session in their classes.

HR News

- Welcome Rob Cocco, who begins May 12 as director of Campus and Public Safety. The best to those who are retiring: Anna Mae Moore, U. Grant Miller Library, and professors Robert Dodge, Ed Greb, Richard Kinder, Robert Vande Kappelle, James West, Mei-Yu Yang, and Richard Easton.
News

- Candy DeBerry, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, presented "Gardening to Support Pollinators" at the Washington County Watershed Alliance annual banquet in Washington on March 19. DeBerry also presented a workshop on "Creating Wildlife Habitats" for the Master Naturalist Program of the West Virginia Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at the Good Zoo in Oglebay in Wheeling, W.Va., on April 6.

- Richard Easton, retiring professor of English, gave "A Lecture On the Occasion of His Retirement," on Tuesday at a crowded First Presbyterian Church. Easton has been at the college for 44 years.

- Congratulations to all the students who were recognized at this year's Honor's Convocation!

- Arbor Day. Plant a tree! W&J did just that on April 25. Jason Kilgore, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, and his general botany students planted the last of the Himalayan white birches associated with the Campus Center Renovation project at the corner of Wheeling and Lincoln streets. Kilgore also announced that the College has earned 2013 Tree Campus USA® recognition, which honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. “The entire campus community should be proud of this sustained commitment to environmental stewardship,” Kilgore said. “Congratulations to W&J! Your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at Washington & Jefferson College contributes to a healthier, more sustainable world for us all,” said Mary Sweeney, program manager, Arbor Day Foundation.

- W&J received more than 100 media mentions from across the country in April, including "Sculptor honors bonds between W&J professor and Japan" in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and "W&J fraternity at top of its fundraising game" in the Washington (Pa.) Observer-Reporter.

- What an amazing Spring Choral Concert: Mozart Requiem. Every four years the W&J Choir and Camerata Singers perform this choral/orchestral masterwork, a highly anticipated event in the W&J community. Congratulations, all!
News (cont.)

- Freshman Jesse Keruskin is one of a dozen students from around the world selected to participate in the Ezio Pinza Council for American Singers of Opera’s (EPCASO) 2014 Summer Program in Oderzo, Italy. The month-long program that runs throughout July provides concentrated study and training in voice, repertoire and language specifically designed for those singers whose abilities indicate the very real possibility of a career in opera.

Scholarship

- Jennifer Harding, associate professor of English, presented her current work on figurative language in literature at the International Society for the Study of Narrative annual conference in Boston, Ma., on March 27.

- Zheya Gai, Ph.D., professor of political science and director of international studies, signed a book contract with Bloomsbury Academic in March as a coauthor of a book entitled China’s Peaceful Rise, to be published next year. Gai presented a paper titled “Socialization in International Institutions and China’s Peaceful Rise: China and ASEAN” at the 22nd Annual ASIANetwork Conference April 11-13 in Bloomingdale, Illinois.

- Steven Malinak, associate professor of chemistry, has been selected as one of 15 participants nationwide to attend a conference entitled "Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept." The conference will be held July 24-27 at Transylvania University.

Library Times

Database of the Month: ERIC

ERIC, the Education Resource Information Center, provides access to education literature and resources. The database contains more than 1.3 million records and provides access to information from journals included in the Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index. One new feature is that a growing number of eBooks on EBSCOhost titles are available in EPUB format. Researchers will be able view these eBooks online via the database's EPUB Viewer.

PAWS for a Study Break Returns

The Library's canine stress counselors will be back on May 9 and 10. Dogs will be in the Walker Room from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm each day. Everyone in the campus community is invited to stop in and visit.

Reminder: Return Library Materials

It's that time of year again: Please return materials that you're done using before Summer Break starts. If you need to return something outside of our normal hours, you can put items (except for audio-visual equipment) in the book drop located to the left of the entrance.
From the Sustainability Committee

The semester is almost over but thinking about Sustainability is not. Over the summer the Sustainability Committee will continue implementing the following projects:

- Creating a "kitchen garden" on the patio near the Commons.
- Installing indoor bike storage for students.
- Establishing a plan to deliver leftover food to the homeless shelter.
- Creating and installing bat roosts on campus.
- Reducing use of disposable cups and containers.
- Reducing our waste stream.

Please contact us if you would like to help.

New Acquisitions

The following books have recently been added to our collection:

- *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest Finest Hour* by Lynne Olson
- *Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America* by Eugene Robinson
- *Hallowed Ground: A Walk at Gettysburg* by James McPherson
- *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* by Allen Guelzo
- *From Mud to Music: Making & Enjoying Ceramic Musical Instruments* by Barry Hall

We also added the following DVDs:

- *Dallas Buyers Club*
- *Gabriel Garcia Marquez-A Witch Writing*
- *Frozen*
- *The Wolf of Wall Street*
- *Gravity*

Recent Donations

The Archives would like to thank David Cohen '69 for the donation of memorabilia from his college days. Items in Mr. Cohen's donation include a dink, a 1965 homecoming program, a 1965-1966 student handbook, and several photographs of campus.
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.

Password reminders:

- Remember that W&J passwords expire every six months - consider changing your password now if you may be away from campus for extended periods of time this summer.

- Keep in mind that if you regularly log in over the wireless network or using a Mac, you may not receive notifications that your password is about to expire; ITS recommends that you set a calendar reminder when you change your password to avoid problems.

- If you do get locked out of your account, or experience problems resetting your password, email the ITS Helpdesk at [helpdesk@washjeff.edu](mailto:helpdesk@washjeff.edu) from an alternate email account or call them during business hours.

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<td><strong>Thursday, May 1</strong></td>
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<td>- Library Land, 1-2 p.m., on your radio at 91.7 or streaming at <a href="http://wnjr.org">wnjr.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, May 7</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>First 48: Library open 8-3 a.m.</strong></td>
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<td>- Giant Jenga &amp; Other Games, 12-2 pm, in front of the Library (weather permitting)</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, May 8</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>First 48: Library open 7 am to 3 am</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Friday, May 9</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>Library open 7 a.m. to midnight</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, May 10</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>Library open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, May 13</strong></td>
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*The Library will be closed May 17-18 and begin Monday-Friday hours on May 19. We will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*