College Announcements

- Sociology 251/351, also known as the “Japan Trip,” is scheduled for Intersession 2015 with Stuart Miller, Ph.D., professor of sociology. Please direct your students to the display in the Library or contact smiller@washjeff.edu directly for more information.

- Outfielder Josh Staniscia earned a spot on the first team of the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America Baseball Team as voted on by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Staniscia graduated May 18 with a degree in biochemistry and a 3.72 grade-point average. The 2014 Presidents' Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player was one of 11 players and three outfielders nationally named to the first team. He is the only player recognized on the first team from a Pennsylvania college or university.

- Congratulations to those faculty members who received tenure and promotions to associate professor: Leslie Dunn, Ph.D. (Economics); Faun Doherty, Ph.D. (Mathematics); Michael McCracken, Ph.D. (Physics); and Jason Kilgore, Ph.D. (Biology). The following faculty were promoted to “full” professor: Mark Harris, Ph.D. (Chemistry); Jenny Kline, Ph.D. (Mathematics); Sam Fee, Ph.D. (Computing & Information Studies); and Susan Medley, Ph.D. (Music)

- Professor of English Linda Troost, Ph.D., received a Chawton House Library Visiting Fellowship. She will spend three weeks at the library, a short stroll from Jane Austen's home, next April.

- Mark Swift, Ph.D., associate professor of music, thanks the W&J community for all the support after the recent death of his father. Even though he was out of state, he says he felt the presence of this community strongly as his family grieved together in Virginia.

News

- New academic programs approved by the faculty this year: Neuroscience major; Theatre emphasis (if Communication Arts major); Rhetoric emphasis (if Communication Arts major); Public Relations emphasis (if Communication Arts major); Film Studies emphasis (if Communication Arts major); Forensic Science minor; Conflict and Resolution concentration; Professional Writing minor

- Media mentions in the region included Pittsburgh Post-Gazette coverage of freshman Jesse Keruskin, selected to participate in a prestigious opera singing training program in Italy and a feature in the Washington Observer-Reporter about the retirement of English Professor Richard Easton. A story about preparing for an interview on nerdscholar.com quoted Roberta Cross, director of career services.
News (cont.)

- Congratulations to 2LT Jenna Yoder, who last month received an Army Reserve Commission into the Chemical Corps at the Three Rivers Battalion Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony at W&J. Yoder has earned her degree in psychology with an emphasis in neuroscience and a concentration in professional writing from W&J. Joining her in executing the Oath of Office was 2LT Ryan Cronin, a 2013 graduate and commissionee from W&J.

- Canonsburg (Pa.) native Robert Cocco is the new director of campus and public safety at W&J. Cocco is a 1982 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and recently retired from the U.S. Marshals Service, where he served for nearly two decades. He was named supervisory deputy U.S. marshal in the Western District of Pennsylvania in 2012, where he directed and managed protective assignments for dignitaries and judicial officials, the development of security plans for protective assignments, court security, security plans for trials and hearings, and investigation and apprehension of federal fugitives.

- More than 300 Presidents graduated from Washington & Jefferson College May 17 at the institution’s commencement ceremony. 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, delivered the keynote address. Rodriguez received an honorary degree, as did 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, Schechter is currently the chaplain at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. What an end to another amazing school year! Enjoy the summer!

- The Sustainability Committee and Human Resources department would like to remind everyone of the walk, bike, or carpool to campus challenge. We challenged you to walk, bike, or carpool to campus 30 times between September 1, 2013, and June 1, 2014. Once you have completed the challenge, send your name and how you accomplished the challenge (# of times walked, biked, or carpooled) to Rob Dunn at rdunn@washjeff.edu. Your name will be entered into a raffle to win one of several $50 gift certificates to the Washington Farmers Market. This is a great way to start reducing your carbon footprint and support the local Farmers Market!
**PAWS for a Study Break a Success**

More than 200 people stopped by during **PAWS for a Study Break** during finals. It was great to see students and staff taking advantage of this fun event. This was our biggest turnout yet, and we appreciate everyone who helped spread the word. Our canine stress counselors from Therapy Dogs International (and their humans) also seemed to have a great time. Stay tuned in the fall for details about our December event!

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**Fond Farewells**

- Wishing the very best to those who left the College or are retiring at the end of June: Heather Redka, Protection Services; Kelly Carioto, Athletics; Meredith Spencer-Blaetz, Athletics; Sara McMullen, Athletics; Jill Waters, Residential Life; Rich Doria, Residential Life; Lucy Johnson, Admission; Dan Usaj, Athletics; Kelly McCormick, Philosophy; Al Newell, Admission; Bob Dodge, History; Richard Easton, English; Ed Greb, Sociology; Rick Kinder, Business; Robert Vande Kappelle, Religion; James West, Business; and Mei Yang, Modern Languages.

**Scholarship**

- “Last Stop, Buck Creek”, a radio drama written by William Cameron, professor, Communication Arts, and produced by students in his Advanced Storytelling class, will be featured in two online podcasts this summer. The Audio Fiction and Arts Festival will feature “Last Stop, Buck Creek” as part of its Podcast Palooza from June 19 to August 1.


**Welcomes**

- Welcome back to campus Tyler Kowcheck, who begins his new role as director of residence life on June 11.
## New Acquisitions

These new acquisitions can be found in the library's New Book Corner:

- *Twitter: Social Communication in the Twitter Age* by Dhiraj Murthy
- *Alfred Hitchcock's America* by Murray Pomerance
- *The Chemical History of Color* by Mary Virginia Orna
- *Pandemics: What Everyone Needs to Know* by P.C. Doherty

If you have requests for your fall courses, please send them to [Cheri Duball](mailto:cheri.duball@library.example.edu) as soon as possible so they can be ordered and processed.

## Library Calendar

We currently do not have any scheduled events.

The Library will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, during the months of June and July, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, in August.

## Recent Donations

The Library would like to thank Dr. Dennis Tihansky '65 for the donation of funds to upgrade a microfilm machine. The upgrade will allow us to connect a computer to the microfilm machine, allowing users to e-mail images or save them to a flash drive, rather than printing everything for later use.

The Archives is grateful to Peter Dunckel for his donation of a journal belonging to his great-grandfather, John Webster Sutherland (Jefferson 1853). Sutherland became a state legislator in Missouri, a curator at the University of Missouri, and an elder in his church. The journal covers September 1851 through November 1852 and provides a valuable description of everyday life at Jefferson College.

The Archives would also like to thank Arnold W. Cushner '64 for the donation of a postcard album. The postcards date to as early as 1904 and depict many images of W&J and Washington County throughout the 20th century.