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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE MARCH 7, 2014.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

Curriculum & Resources Committee:

Curriculum & Resources Committee has approved revisions to the GIS minor in the Geology Department to clarify the requirement that GIS minors will need to attend departmental colloquia regularly and to present once each semester for two semesters. Additionally, the minor was revised to remove GEOL 216 (deleted from the catalog for 2013-14), to add Math 209 and remove Math 109 and 210 (both no longer offered), and remove E&M 235H (no longer offered). The new description for the GIS minor follows.

Requirements for Minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

- Three units in GIS and remote sensing: Geology 111, 211, 311.
- One unit in statistics, mathematics or computer science, selected from Mathematics 209 ~~409, 210, E&M 235 or 235H~~, Mathematics 141 (or a higher level mathematics course), or CS 171.
- One unit selected from Geology 202, 208 ~~or 216~~, or a pre-approved course with a significant GIS and/or remote sensing component.
- A pre-approved experience focusing on the application of GIS or remote sensing in the student's field of study. This could be satisfied by a directed study, a summer research experience, or an internship/work experience.
- Formal presentation of the research or work experience is required at a Geology Department colloquium. **All GIS minors are required to attend departmental colloquia regularly and to present once each semester for two semesters.**
- All courses for the minor must be taken for a numerical grade, except those offered only on a credit/no credit basis.

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Faculty Development Committee:

The Faculty Development Committee has awarded the following grants:

Small Grant:

Andy Boyan (Communication Studies) to conduct a survey on the perceptions of fairness in sports situations.

Lia Jensen-Abbott (Music) to give a lecture/recital at the Pacific Northwest Regional College Music Society conference in Montana.

Bob Moss (Kinesiology) to consult with a colleague at Wofford College.

Thom Wilch (Geological Sciences) to hold a coterie on Richard Alley's book, *Earth: the Operator's Manual*.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PROVOST'S OFFICE

Project Kaleidoscope announces its **PKAL Summer Leadership Institutes for STEM Faculty**: Institute I: Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, July 18–23, 2014; Institute II: Baca Campus of Colorado College, Crestone, Colorado, July 25–30, 2014.

The PKAL Summer Leadership Institute is designed for both early- and mid-career STEM faculty engaged in leading projects aimed at transforming undergraduate STEM education in their classrooms, departments, and institutions. The Institute curriculum is grounded in a carefully coordinated blend of theory and practice related to the politics of institutional transformation, and aims to empower STEM faculty to act as agents of change in their home institutions and/or professional societies.

Personalized mentoring and professional coaching are cornerstones of the Institute experience. As such, a team of six to eight expert mentors works with participants throughout the Institute to shape a personal agenda for leadership and to guide participants in conceptualizing how they can implement institutional change action plans at their institutions.

Early- and mid-career STEM faculty are invited to apply for this Institute. There is no limit on the number of applicants from a single institution. However, because the Institute is designed for individual leadership growth and development, team applications are not appropriate.

All applications are due on **March 24, 2014**. For more information on the Institute, see: <http://www.aacu.org/pkal/events/sli/index.cfm>.

Central Michigan University announces **The 2014 Great Lakes Conference on Teaching & Learning** to be held in Mt. Pleasant, MI, May 14 - May 16, 2014. The 2014 Conference Theme is "*Outside the Lines: Inspiring through Creativity and Innovation.*" For additional information about the conference, contact: Jim Therrell, Conference Director, Email: therr1ja@cmich.edu.

The Japan Study office at Earlham College shares information about three well-funded faculty development opportunities:

1. *The Mongols and the Eurasian Nexus of Global History*

MAY 26- JUNE 27, 2014 - EAST-WEST CENTER, HONOLULU, HAWAII

To apply, please use the guidelines and cover sheet provided by the NEH which is available on-line through the ASDP Institute website at: eastwestcenter.org/ASDP-NEH2014. For inquiries, please contact the ASDP Secretariat: Sandy Osaki, osakis@eastwestcenter.org.

2. *Infusing Chinese and Japanese Religion, Art and Politics into the Undergraduate Curriculum*

JULY 21 - AUGUST 8, 2014 - EAST-WEST CENTER, HONOLULU, HAWAII

For more detailed descriptions of these programs, links to the program schedules, and application information, please see the ASDP website: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/asian-studies-development-program>. For inquiries, please contact the ASDP Secretariat: Sandy Osaki, osakis@eastwestcenter.org.

3. *Learning and (Re)Learning Japan: the Convergence of History, Fiction and Narrative*

April 2-5, 2014 - Nashville, Tennessee

<http://www.belmont.edu/asianstudies/jsaworkshop/index.html>

III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vicki Baker (Economics & Management) had a peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication with a colleague from Widener University: Pifer, M. J., & Baker, V. L. (forthcoming). "It Could Be Just Because I'm Different": Otherness and Its Outcomes in Doctoral Education," Diversity in Higher Education.

Vicki and Dr. Laura Lunsford (University of Arizona) have been commissioned by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) to create a one-page mentoring flyer for faculty advisors and a mentoring manual to be distributed to graduate students and faculty.

Heather Betz (Kinesiology) had her paper "Reproducibility of the VA Physical Activity Questionnaire in an Elderly Population" accepted for publication in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health. Additionally, she will be presenting her paper "Influence of Pedometers on Habitual Physical Activity Patterns in Patients with Vascular Disease" at the Annual Meeting for the American College of Sports Medicine in Orlando in May. Both papers come from her collaboration with Stanford University and the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

Andy Boyan (Communication Studies) had his paper accepted for the International Association for Communication and Sport Summit in New York, March 13-17, 2014. The paper is titled "Cheating in a sports media context: Childhood sports experience and moral foundations." Another paper was accepted for the International Communication Association Annual Conference in Seattle, WA, May 22-26, 2014. The paper is titled "A massively moral game? Mass Effect as a case study to understand the influence of players' moral intuitions on adherence to hero or antihero

play styles" (co-authors are Matthew Grizzard, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, and Nicholas Bowman, West Virginia University).

Nels Christensen's (English) essay "Leaving a Trace" was nominated for the Pushcart Prize and The Best of the Net Anthology by the editors of Wake: Great Lakes Thought and Culture.

Geoff Cocks (History) has been asked to contribute to the New Cambridge Modern History of the Second World War being published in 2015 on the 70th anniversary of the end of the war. His chapter is titled "Hors de combat: Immobilization in Nazi Germany."

Lia Jensen-Abbott (Music) will travel to the University of Montana-Missoula to present a lecture recital at the Pacific Northwest Regional College Music Society conference, April 11-12, 2014. On March 2 she will judge the Michigan Music Teachers' Student Achievement Testing (SAT) in Livonia, Michigan. On March 8, she judges SAT's in Spring Arbor. On March 16, she will be adjudicating again in Livonia. This year, she was invited to adjudicate the Senior Piano Duet National Finals of the Music Teachers' National Association Competition at the National Conference in Chicago on March 23. Lia was recently invited to perform a lecture recital at the prestigious World Piano Teachers' Association International Symposium in Novi Sad, Serbia, in June and July 2014.

Vanessa McCaffrey (Chemistry) attended the 2014 Gordon Research Conference on the Origins of Life in Galveston, TX, and presented a poster entitled "Shock Chemistry of Simple Sugars and Sugar Precursors: Production of Biologically Relevant Compounds" along with **Nicolle Zellner** (Physics). Vanessa was also a discussion leader for the session "Originating Life in the Lab."

Vanessa recently participated in a panel on "What's It Like to Work at a Liberal Arts College," which is part of a series at the University of Michigan that spotlights faculty worklife at different kinds of colleges and universities to help graduate students explore career possibilities.

Jocelyn McWhirter's (Religious Studies) book, Rejected Prophets: Jesus and His Witnesses in Luke-Acts, was published by Fortress Press on January 1.

Ola Olapade (Biology) had his co-authored paper published online in the Journal of Water Resource and Protection, 2014, 6, 1-7, in January 2014 (<http://www.scirp.org/journal/jwarp>) <http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/jwarp.2014.61001>. The paper, Seasonal Shifts in the Bacterioplankton Assemblages of High Altitude Middle Atlas Lakes, was written with Jaouad Anissi and Khalid Sendide of the Biotechnology Laboratory, School of Science and Engineering, at Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.

Clayton Parr (Music) was chosen by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association as the conductor for its All-State Men's Choir for 2016. This selection was done by vote of school vocal music teachers statewide.

David Reimann (Mathematics/Computer Science) gave a talk entitled "Symmetries of generalized Truchet tiles" at the Joint Mathematics Meetings held January 15-18, 2014 in Baltimore,

Maryland. David also had his artwork "Fibonacci Nautilus," a digital print, in the art exhibition associated with the conference; a copy appears in the Art Exhibition Catalog.

Greg Saltzman (Economics & Management) wrote a book chapter, "The Economics of MOOCs," that was accepted for publication in Harold S. Wechsler (ed.), The NEA 2014 Almanac of Higher Education (Washington: National Education Association, 2014 forthcoming).

Greg was second author on a poster presentation (presented by one of his co-authors) at the 17th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America in Orlando, September 2013. The abstract of this presentation was published: Martin J. LaPage, Gregory M. Saltzman, and Kurt R. Schumacher, "Cost Effectiveness of the Wearable Automated Defibrillator for Primary Prevention in Pediatric Heart Transplant Candidates," Journal of Cardiac Failure, Vol. 19, No. 8S, August 2013, p. S64.

Jeff Wilson (Psychological Science) was co-author with three former students, Wilson WJ, Ferrara NC, Blaker AL, Giddings CE. (2014) Escape and avoidance learning in the earthworm *Eisenia hortensis*. PeerJ 2:e250.

Midori Yoshii (International Studies) chaired and commented on a panel titled "Beyond Vietnam: Shifting Threat Perceptions of East Asia during the Kennedy Years" at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington, D.C.

Nicolle Zellner (Physics) and **Nicole Garrett Smeltekop** (Library) gave an oral presentation on "Celebrating 130 Years of the Alvan Clark Telescope at Albion College" in the Historical Astronomy Session, at the 223rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5–9, 2014.

Nicolle and several members of Albion's Astronomy Club (A. Ganem, C. Matti, L. Ciastko) gave a poster presentation, "A Community of Many Faces, Developing Our Own Future: Undergraduate Research and Enrichment Through Peer-Led Programs Session," at the 223rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Washington, D. C., January 5-9, 2014.