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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 4, 2009.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

From Faculty Personnel Committee:

Election results are as follows:

Faculty Personnel Committee: at-large member – Trisha Franzen (3 years)

Hearing & Grievance Committee: Mark Bollman, Mary Collar and Darren Mason
(3 year terms)

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The Faculty Personnel Committee also announces the following promotions:

From Assistant to Associate:

Karen Erlandson, Communication Studies
Sam McIlhagga, Music
Helena Mesa, English
Gary Wahl, Art & Art History

From Associate to Full:

James Ball, Music
Andrew Christopher, Psychology
Ken Saville, Biology

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From Course Change Committee:

In the March 16, 2009 Deanery, there was a course number error on page 9. *Writing Essentials* is English 100, not English 101, as printed in that issue.

II GRANT NEWS

Alfred Pheley (Ford Institute) and Shana Plasters (Career Development) received official word that the *Service for Access Initiative* grant submitted to the Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) was funded.

III ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

The American Association of Colleges & Universities' annual meeting will be held February 18-20, 2010 in Seattle. **General Education and Assessment: Maintaining Momentum, Achieving New Priorities** invites fresh thinking and new approaches to help faculty, staff, and administrators maintain momentum in general education and assessment during tough times, and reaffirms a commitment to engaged liberal education as *the* guiding principle for campus action. The conference will draw on AAC&U's long-standing projects and publications on general education reform including work to bring diversity, global, and civic learning into general education and models for advancing scientific and quantitative literacy through real-world curricula and problem-based pedagogies.

Special Features of the 2010 Conference:

Realizing that campuses have scarce resources for professional development and travel to meetings, AAC&U is including several special features in the 2010 conference:

- general education designs that address global learning themes (e.g., sustainability and global citizenship) to promote integrative learning;
- in partnership with AAC&U's Shared Futures initiative and Project Kaleidoscope, sessions on scientific and quantitative literacy and science and global learning;
- workshops on navigating transition points—from goals to design, and from design to implementation and assessment;
- hands-on practice using rubrics to assess student work;
- "problem-solving" roundtable discussions based on participant needs; and
- a "local issues forum" highlighting regional trends, political issues, and other topics influencing general education and assessment.

IV SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Diana Ariza (Ethnic Studies) has been elected to the Board of Directors of the **National Association for Ethnic Studies**. She will serve a four-year term beginning this spring.

Andrew Christopher (Psychology) was quoted in an article by David Glenn in The Chronicle of Higher Education, May 26, 2009, *Psychology Grad Students Get Counseled on How to Teach*. Drew was a panelist at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science meeting in San Francisco, May 21-25, 2009.

Dyron Dabney (Political Science) received a Great Lakes Colleges Association Japan Studies travel grant to support his research in Japan this summer on Post Reform Election Campaign Behavior.

Ralph Davis (Philosophy, emeritus) published an article, "Thoughts on Art & Geometry," in the September-October 2008 issue of Hyperseeing – a publication of ISAMA (The International Society of the Arts, Mathematics, and Architecture) and presented a paper, "Art & the Political: the Illusion of Failure," at the New York School of Visual Arts' 22nd Annual National Conference on Liberal Arts and the Education of Artists, in October. He offered a NSF-style Chautauqua Short Course, "Science & Art," last June at the SUNY Stony Brook Manhattan campus and will offer it there again in June 2009 as well as California State University, Dominguez Hills. He wrote the following reviews for *The American Journal of Physics*: Gavin Parkinson, Surrealism: Art & Modern Science; J. R. Liebowitz, Hidden Harmony: the Connected Worlds of Physics and Art. And for *Choice* he reviewed: David Edwards, Artscience: Creativity in the Post-Google Generation; Eduardo Kac (ed.), Kac, Eduardo (ed.) Signs of Life: Bio Art and Beyond; Sasho Kalajdzievski, Math & Art: an Introduction to Visual Mathematics; Rolf Kuehni & Andreas Schwarz, Color Ordered: a Survey of Color Order Systems from Antiquity to the Present; Michel Pastoreau, Black: the History of a Color; Darryl Wheye & Donald Kennedy, Humans, Nature, and Birds: Science Art from Cave Walls to Computer Screens.

Darren Mason (Mathematics & Computer Science) is a co-author on the paper, "The role of heterogeneous deformation on damage nucleation at grain boundaries in single phase metals," published in volume 24, issue 9 of the International Journal of Plasticity.

Yuxia Qian (Communication Studies) published a paper on a communication model of employee cynicism toward organizational change in Corporate Communications: An International Journal 13.3, 2008.

Dimeji Togunde (Anthropology/Sociology) recently had two co-authored articles on Migration published: (2008 December): Michael T Light '07 (Penn State University) and 'Dimeji Togunde. "The Mexican Immigration Debate: Assimilation and Public Policy," International Review of Modern Sociology Volume 34 (2): 279-293; (Spring 2009): 'Dimeji Togunde and Sylvester Osagie (Penn State University) "Icons of Progress: Returnees' Effects on Decisions by Nigerians to Migrate to the United States," International Review of Modern Sociology Volume 35 (1):115-135. 'Dimeji also recently gave his consent to a request to include a previously published article (co-authored with Arielle Carter '08), "In their Own Words: consequences of child labor in Urban Nigeria," as a chapter in a book titled Child Labour: Issues and Challenges, ICFAI University Press, India. The book is expected to be published by December, 2009.

Dimeji represented Albion College at the 4th Annual Institute of International Education (IIE) Best Practices Conference "**Lead your Campus to the Top: Best Practices in Internationalizing the Campus**" on March 19, 2009 in New York.

In the summer, Dimeji will be delivering a paper on how "Nigerian Return and Visiting Migrants shape the Representation of the US African Diaspora" at the AHRC/CRONEM Conference on Diasporas, Migration and Identities: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions. University of Surrey, United Kingdom, June 11-12. In July, he will also deliver another paper, "Agents of Change: Gender Differences in Migration Intentions among Nigerian University Students" at the 4th Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Conference, July 8-12, University of Athens, Greece.