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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE OCTOBER 7, 2011.

The Deanery provides a variety of information for faculty. It announces committee decisions such as course changes approved by the Curriculum & Resources Committee, amendments to the Faculty Handbook, and other faculty business. It also publishes announcements about grants, fellowships, and research opportunities that come to the Provost's Office, as well as news about professional activities (articles published, papers given, or other participation in conferences and workshops) and other items of general interest to the faculty.

Faculty who wish to submit material for The Deanery should forward it to Lori Duff in the Provost's Office, via e-mail or in a form ready for publication.

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee	Chair	Location	Time
Faculty Steering	Ian MacInnes	Ferguson 204	4:15-5:00 Tuesdays
Faculty Personnel	Trisha Franzen	Ferguson 111	5:00-7:00 Mons/Weds
Curriculum & Resources	Dale Kennedy	Ferguson 230	8:00-10:00 Thursdays
Faculty Development	Thom Wilch	Palenske 135	1:00-2:00 Thursdays
Budgets, Salaries & Benefits	John Bedient	Ferguson 204	3:15-4:00 Thursdays

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

Global Studies Committee:

The Global Studies Committee has approved the following courses as meeting the requirements for global category credit:

HIST 111: East Asia (Yajun Mo)

HIS 402: Latin-American-U.S. Relations (Deborah Kanter)

JAPN 101 (Elementary Japanese), 201 (Intermediate Japanese), 301 (Upper Intermediate Japanese) (Eriko Ike)

RS 289, Japanese Religions (DeBoer – spring 2012)

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III ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

AsiaNetwork, a consortium of over 170 North American colleges, strives to strengthen the role of Asian Studies within the framework of liberal arts education to help prepare succeeding generations of undergraduates for a world in which Asian societies play prominent roles in an ever more interdependent world. The unique teaching mission of the undergraduate liberal arts institution poses special opportunities and challenges in the development of Asian Studies. ASIANetwork seeks to encourage the study of Asian countries and cultures on our campuses and to enable our students and faculty to experience these cultures first hand. In a time of fiscal constraints, ASIANetwork facilitates conversations among faculty and administrators concerning the development and strengthening of Asian Studies programs, as well as ways to foster collaboration among institutions. Albion is a member of the consortium.

Programs of interest to faculty include:

ASIANetwork Consultancy Program for Asian Studies – Deadline: apply anytime

Asian Art Consultancy Program funded by Luce Foundation – Deadline: apply anytime

ASIANetwork Faculty Enhancement Program Deepening Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts funded by Mellon Foundation – Deadline: December 1, 2011

ASIANetwork Service Learning and Environment in Asia funded by Luce Foundation – Deadline: January 16, 2012

ASIANetwork-Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program – Deadline: November 7, 2011

ASIANetwork-Freeman Foundation Student-Faculty Fellows Program – Deadline: December 1, 2011

Marianna McJimsey Award - 2012 Student Paper Competition – Deadline: November 1, 2011

Information about all of these programs can be found at www.asianetwork.org.

Information for Students:

The Council of Independent Colleges announces **The Davies-Jackson Scholarship**. The Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records, who are among the first in their families to graduate college, to participate in a course of study at St. John's College at the University of Cambridge. Graduating seniors may apply for the two-year B.A. degree program.

Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich educational environment of St. John's, which was founded in the 16th century, by reading in one of the following subjects: Archaeology and Anthropology, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Modern and Medieval Languages, Music, Philosophy, or Social and Political Sciences.

Application materials for the 2012 Davies-Jackson Scholarship can be found at: http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/davies_brochure.pdf.

IV SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Carrie Booth Walling (Political Science) attended the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Seattle where she presented her paper, "Human Rights Investigations on Trial: Human Rights Reports and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda" on September 3. It was part of a panel on Globalizing Transitional Justice.

Andy Boyan (Communication Studies) had an article in last month's edition of Child Development Perspectives. It can be found in our library. The full citation is: Boyan, A. & Sherry, J. L. (2011). The challenge in creating games for education: Aligning mental models with game models. Child Development Perspectives, 5(2), 82-87.

Deborah Kanter (History) has been selected to present her work, "Making Mexican Parishes: Ethnic Succession in Chicago's Pilsen Neighborhood, 1947-1977" at the Newberry Library Seminar in Borderlands and Latino Studies, December 9, 2011. Her essay "Arugula and Me: A First Year With Diabetes" was published on asweetlife.org, July 19, 2011.

Albion applied voice instructor **John King** completed Level 3 Certification in Somatic Voicework (tm), The LoVetri Method, at the CCM Institute at Shenandoah University in July.

Beth Lincoln with co-authors **Timothy Lincoln, Thom Wilch, Carrie Menold, and Michael McRivette**, (Geological Sciences) will give the poster, "Albion College's Ore Exploration Game: An Integrative Exercise," at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN, October 9, 2011. The abstract will be published in GSA Abstracts with Programs Vol. 43, No. 5.

Darren Mason (Mathematics & Computer Science) was invited as a visiting scholar to the Max Planck Institut für Eisenforschung (MPIE) in Düsseldorf, Germany, during June 2011. While there, he worked with P. Eisenlohr, from the Microstructure Physics and Metal Forming division of MPIE, on fundamental problems in grain boundary mechanics that arise in modeling microcrack/damage nucleation in textured metals (primarily commercially pure titanium). This international and interdisciplinary project is funded by a three-year joint grant from the National Science Foundation and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation).

A renewal proposal for Darren's collaborative work with MSU and MPIE (in Dusseldorf) was funded by the National Science Foundation for \$480,000.00. The official title is "Materials World Network: Characterization and modeling of the interplay between grain boundaries and heterogeneous plasticity in titanium."

Vanessa McCaffrey (Chemistry) and **Nicolle Zellner** (Physics), along with undergraduate students Erica Bennett and Casey Waun, presented a poster on the effect of impacts on sugars at Origins 2011: The International Bioastronomy Conference in July in Montpellier, France. The title of their poster was "Chemistry and Astrochemistry of Simple Sugars: Implications for Asteroid, Meteorite, or Comet Delivery."

In August, McCaffrey, Zellner, and students traveled to NASA's Johnson Space Center to perform additional impact experiments using the flat-plate accelerator in the Experimental Impact Laboratory.

Molly Mullin (Anthropology/Sociology) served as commentator in a session on "Dogs Ltd.: The Politics of Natural/Cultural Boundaries," at the meeting of the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE), Bloomington, Indiana, June 25, 2011. She also presented a paper on "Deindustrial Domestications" at "Humans and Other Apes: Rethinking the Species Interface," a Closed Roundtable convened by the Arcus Foundation, in New York, NY, August 11, 2011.

Ola Olapade (Biology) has been notified that his manuscript entitled "Diel Fluctuations in the Abundance and Community Diversity of Coastal Bacterioplankton Assemblages over a Tidal Cycle" has been accepted for publication in Microbial Ecology. This particular paper was based on FDC funding granted last year to conduct research in the Pacific Ocean at Monterey Bay, CA.

David Reimann (Mathematics/Computer Science) was awarded a GLCA NDI grant to study knot theory and its applications in art with **Robert Messer** (Emeritus) during the summer of 2011.

David presented a paper entitled "Tessellation patterns from a simply decorated triangle" at the meeting of the International Society of the Arts, Mathematics, and Architecture held June 13-17 in Chicago. The paper is published in the Summer 2011 issue of the journal Hyperseeing on pages 127-130. Dave also participated in an online workshop entitled Geometry and Art held June 20-24, 2011. The workshop was sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America as a part of their Professional Enhancement Program.

Additionally, David presented a paper entitled "Decorating Regular Tiles with Arcs" at the annual Bridges conference held July 27-31 in Coimbra, Portugal, where he also chaired the session. The paper appears in on pages 581-584 of the proceedings.

Greg Saltzman (Economics and Management) is co-author with three researchers at the University of Utah medical center and one researcher at the Mayo Clinic of an article published September 14, 2011, in Neurology: Richard Nelson, Gregory Saltzman, Elaine Skalabrin, Bart Demaerschalk, and Jennifer Majersik, "An Evaluation of the Cost-Effectiveness of Telectroke in the Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke." The editor of Neurology selected the article for special attention, with press releases issued by the journal to national news media on September 6.

Jeff Wilson (Psychological Science) will present a poster entitled "Escape and avoidance learning in the earthworm?" at the annual meeting of the Pavlovian Society, September 22-24, in

Milwaukee, WI. Students Amanda Blaker, Nicole Ferrara, and Charisa Giddings are co-authors, and will also attend the meeting.

Nicolle Zellner (Physics) was recently elected to the Executive Council of The International Astrobiology Society (ISSOL). She will be a Councilor from 2011-2014.