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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2017.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

From the Faculty Development Committee:

The following Small Grants have been awarded by the Faculty Development Committee during the Fall Semester 2016:

- Bill Bartels** (Geology) – page charges for Journal of Paleontology
- Andy Boyan** (Communication Studies) – to participate in a workshop at the National Communication Association annual meeting
- Drew Christopher** (Psychological Science) – to provide incentives for a research project on cell phone use
- Ashley Feagin** (Art & Art History) – for framing and mounting of exhibition
- Lia Jensen-Abbott** (Music) – to attend a lecture at the annual Music Teachers Association Meeting
- Ellen Kamischke** (Mathematics & Computer Science) – to attend a minicourse on ciphers
- Darren Mason** (Mathematics & Computer Science) – to attend the annual Sigma Xi meeting and workshop
- Jess Roberts** (English) – to purchase books and hold planning meetings for Albion’s Big Read 2017
- Matthew Schoene** (Anthropology & Sociology) – to hire a student research assistant
- Bille Wickre** (Art & Art History) – to attend a workshop at the American Anthropological Association meeting on the Decolonizing National Historic Preservation Act

The following Large Grants have been awarded by the Faculty Development Committee during the Fall Semester 2016:

- Vicki Baker** (Economics & Management) – for indexing and copy editing of her book Understanding the Faculty Experience in Liberal Arts Colleges
- Barry Wolf** (FYE Peer Mentoring Program) – to attend workshops at the annual Conference on the First-Year Experience regarding best strategies within FYE peer mentoring programs

Combined Small and Large Grants were awarded to the following during Fall Semester 2016:

Brad Chase (Anthropology & Sociology) – to support his spring sabbatical research on the use of Steatite Beads as currency

Perry Myers (Modern Languages & Cultures) – to support his spring sabbatical research related to Theosophy in England, France, Germany, and India

Ken Saville (Biology) – to support his academic year sabbatical to work in a lab at MSU to better understand evolutionary genetics of fungi

II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) concluded at its meeting on October 24, 2016 that the evidence presented in The Albion College Inquiry Brief, as verified by the audit and evaluated by the CAEP Review Panel, merits national accreditation status. The CAEP Inquiry Brief Commission passed the following motion: The Teacher Education program submitted by Albion College is granted full accreditation (i.e., 7 years) with no weaknesses or stipulations.

Registration is now open for ASIANetwork's annual meeting, Digital and Beyond: Ways of Knowing Asia, April 7 - 9, 2017, Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center, Oak Brook, Illinois. For additional information on registering, program, and hotel information, please visit: <http://www.asianetwork.org/2016/02/2017-annual-conference-theme/>.

The American Philosophical Society (APS) Library in Philadelphia seeks applicants for its new Digital Humanities Fellowship. This fellowship, for up to two (2) months, is open to scholars who are comfortable creating tools and visualizations, as well as those interested in working collaboratively with the APS technology team.

Librarians, scholars, and graduate students (MLIS or other) at any stage of their career may apply. Special consideration will be given to proposals that present APS Library holdings in new and engaging ways. Examples include (but are not limited to) projects that incorporate timelines, text analytics, network graphs, and maps.

Stipend: \$3,000 per month will be awarded to the successful applicant after their arrival at the Library.

All Applicants must submit a cover letter, Curriculum vitae, Prospectus for a digital project, examples of previous digital humanities projects (if available), and contact information for two people who will submit confidential letters of reference.

Full details are available on the application webpage: <http://apply.interfolio.com/31863>. All application materials will be submitted online. **Application Deadline: March 1, 2017.** Notifications will be sent by April 15.

III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Lewis (Chemistry) co-presented a talk with Courtney Kondor ('16) entitled, "Classroom use of Valence, a mobile app to support understanding of molecular structure," at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in March.

In May, Lisa was invited to be a panelist on the topic of "new generation educational content and content authoring" for Top Hat's annual employee development program called Culture Day in Toronto, Canada.

Lisa served as a leader and mentor for the July 2016 Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) Summer Leadership Institute for STEM Faculty, an Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) program. While there, she was a participant in a second coach development training/workshop offered by AAC&U.

In October, she and **Craig Bieler** (Chemistry) attended the annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Chemistry Teachers at Liberal Arts Colleges in St. Joseph, MN, and presented a poster, "Assessment of Valence, an iOS app, to Aid Understanding of Molecular Structure."

Lisa also served as panelist for a session called Leading Your Way, as part of the Academic Leadership Institute held in collaboration with GLCA in October.

Ian MacInnes' (English) short article "Response: Fabulous or Spectral?" appeared in the journal *Early Modern Culture* (11.1). <http://tigerprints.clemson.edu/emc/vol11/iss1/8/>

Katey Price (Communication Studies) was voted in as the vice-chair elect for the Communication and Aging Division of the National Communication Association at our annual meeting in November.

Jess Roberts's (English) essay "'hear the bird': Sarah Piatt and the Dramatic Monologue" has just come out in *A History of Nineteenth-Century American Women's Poetry* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), and her pedagogical essay "Teaching Patsy Yaeger" appears in the most recent issue of *south: a scholarly journal*.

Marcy Sacks' (History) article, "Speaking Through Silence? Whites' Efforts to Make Meaning of Joe Louis," has been translated into German. Its publication is forthcoming.

Craig Streu (Chemistry) published the following paper which outlines how his drug design research has been adapted for use as a capstone experience in the biochemistry teaching laboratory at multiple institutions:

Streu, C.N., Reif, R.D., Neiles, K.Y., Schech, A.J., Mertz, P.S. "Drug Synthesis and Analysis on a Dime: A Capstone Medicinal Chemistry Experience for the Undergraduate Biochemistry Laboratory" *J. Chem. Educ.*, 2016, 93 (12), pp 2084–2088.

Carrie Walling (Political Science) was recently interviewed by Kelly McFall for the *New Book Networks* podcast series on research and genocide prevention. My interview about my book, *All*

Necessary Measures: The United Nations and Humanitarian Intervention was posted online on November 19. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/carrie-booth-walling-all-necessary-measures-the-united-nations-and-humanitarian-intervention-u-of-pennsylvania-press-2013/>

Jeff Wilson (Psychological Science) presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience co-authored by two students (Brandon Johnson and Kate Sears) and entitled "Behavioral comparison of two methods of drug administration in the earthworm." The meeting took place in San Diego, CA, and Wilson was accompanied by three other students in addition to the two co-authors. While there the students met with prominent neuroscientists, and Wilson arranged a get-together for Albion Neuroscience alums---a total of eight alums attended.