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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE OCTOBER 6, 2017.

The Deanery provides a variety of information for faculty. It announces committee decisions such as course changes approved by Curriculum & Resources Committee and other faculty business. It also publishes announcements about grants, fellowships, and research opportunities that come to the Academic Affairs 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 send an email to Lori Duff in the Provost's Office.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

Curriculum & Resources Committee:

C&RC has made the following appointments to subcommittees for Fall 2017:

Academic Status & Petitions: Claudia Diaz
Course Change Committee: Alli Harnish
Off-campus programs: Claudia Diaz

Textual Analysis: Peter Valdina
Scientific Analysis: Dave Seely
Historical & Cultural Analysis: Peter Valdina
Modeling: Ola Olapade
Artistic Analysis: Bille Wickre

Gender & Ethnicity: Suellyn Henke
Global: Zhen Li
Environmental: Alli Harnish
First Year Experience: Peter Valdina

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II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

ASIANetwork announces its 2018 conference, April 6-8, in Philadelphia. The conference theme, "Mindful Connectivity: Asian Perspectives and Influences," invites the application of a wide range of disciplinary insights and practices to the shared work as Asianists in the classroom, in the lab or studio, and in the many communities to which all belong. Keynote speakers include Dr. Judith Simmer-Brown, a leader in the field of contemplative pedagogy, and Dr. Bidisha Biswas, an expert on international security, diaspora, and immigration issues. For additional information, see: <http://www.asianetwork.org/2017/05/2018-conference-theme/>.

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 generation in their families to graduate college, to participate in a course of study at St. John's College at the University of Cambridge. Scholars are admitted as affiliated students and have the opportunity to take the more advanced parts of a Cambridge degree course and qualify for a Cambridge BA in two years instead of the usual three. Deadline for application is **October 20, 2017**. For more information, visit: www.cic.edu/DaviesJackson.

III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vicki Baker (Economics & Management) had the following peer-reviewed paper accepted for publication:

Pifer, M. J., Baker, V. L., & Lunsford, L. G. (forthcoming). "Colleagues, Culture, and Leadership: The Academic Department as a Location of Faculty Experiences in Liberal Arts Colleges." Review of Higher Education.

She was also invited to join the Board of Directors at IDEA (Albion College's student ratings of instruction). Her term began July 1, 2017 and will last three years <http://www.ideaedu.org/About-Us/Board-of-Directors>.

Vicki will serve as a Senior Research Associate for a recently earned National Science Foundation (NSF) grant titled "Using Networks to Scale Improvement of STEM Undergraduate Education: A Comparative Study of Network Goals, Processes, and Strategies to Advance Organizational Change." This is a four-year grant in partnership with Michigan State University totaling \$1.8 million.

Nels Christensen (English) presented a creative nonfiction essay entitled "He Not from Albion" at the biennial conference of The Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE).

Drew Christopher (Psychological Science) is the recipient of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's 2017 Teaching and Mentoring Award. The award was designed to recognize excellence in teaching and mentoring among faculty at colleges and universities that do not have Ph.D. programs in social and/or personality psychology.

Glenn Deutsch (English) adjudicated four collegiate categories in this year's Milwaukee Press Club Awards for Excellence in Wisconsin Journalism Contest: Best Blog, Best Local News or Feature Website, Best Website Design, and Best Investigative Reporting.

In June, the Albion College French section received a Tournées Film Festival prize awarded by the French-American Cultural Exchange Foundation to support a French Film Festival at the Bohm Theater in November. **Dianne Guenin-Lelle** (Modern Languages & Cultures) was awarded two Médailles de la Ville, one from Noisy-le-Roi as well as one from Bailly for her work on Sister City relations with Albion in June.

Scott Hendrix (Academic Skills/Writing Center) led a presentation and discussion on basic writing pedagogy--"We Have to Start Trusting Our Students: Working toward Antiracist, Social Justice Pedagogy"--at the College Composition and Communication summer conference *Diverse Writers, Diverse Writing*, University of Cincinnati, Clermont, OH, June 8-10, 2017.

Suellyn Henke, Betty Okwako-Riekkola, Kyle Shanton, Guy Cox and Karen Hoaglin (Education) received a \$7,700 grant from the Cronin Foundation to acquire the needed materials and classroom resources for the project-based curriculum / experiential learning opportunities, along with funds to support the costs of the Showcase of Learning Fair for the 2017 Boundary Crossings Maymester.

Communication Studies' **Megan Hill's** book chapter, written with R.L. Holbert, was published by Lexington Books: Hill, M. R. & Holbert, R. L. (2017). *Jon Stewart and the 9/11 first responders health bill: A case study of political satirist turned advocate*. in Carole Madere (Ed.), Viewpoints on media effects: Pseudo reality and its influence on media consumers (pp. 1-18), Lexington Books.

Deborah Kanter's (History) review of Daniel Ramírez's, Migrating Faith: Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico in the Twentieth Century was published in the Hispanic American Historical Review, vol. 97:2 (May 2017), 380-81.

Her paper "Making a Migrant Ministry in Michigan, 1950-64" has been accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, held in affiliation with the American Historical Association, January 4-7, 2018, in Washington, D.C..

Ian MacInnes (English/FURSCA) attended a workshop on Text Encoding Fundamentals and their Application at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria. He also attended the annual business meeting of the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) as an Arts and Humanities councilor.

David Reimann (Mathematics/Computer Science) gave a talk entitled "Transforming Squares to Strips in Expanded Polyhedral Forms" at the 20th Annual Bridges Conference held July 27-31, 2017, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The peer-reviewed paper appears in the conference proceedings on pages 435-438 and online at <http://www.archive.bridgesmathart.org/2017/>. David also had the artwork "Sixty Serpent Sphere" accepted into the associated juried art exhibition; a picture and description appears on page 109 of the printed exhibition catalog and online at <http://gallery.bridgesmathart.org/exhibitions/2017-bridges-conference/dreimann>. His artwork

"Phyllotactic Filigree" appears on the cover of the June 2017 issue (Vol. 90, No. 3) of Mathematics Magazine.

Matthew Schoene (Anthropology/Sociology) presented his manuscript "Urban Protest in the European Union" at the 2017 American Sociological Association annual meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Philip Voss (Physics) had a paper published this summer, "Doppler-shift attenuation lifetime measurement of the ^{36}Ar 2+ level", P. Voss et al., Physical Review C, 96 (2017), 024305.

Midori Yoshii (International Studies) presented a paper, "Russo-Japanese Agreements and Patterns of U.S. East Asian Policy, 1907-16" at the annual conference of The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., on June 24, 2017. She also contributed Chapter 20, "The United States, Japan, Korea and the Pacific since 1961" to The SHAFR Guide: An Annotated Bibliography of U.S. Foreign Relations since 1600, Brill, 2017.

In May, **Nicolle Zellner** (Physics) represented Albion College and NASA as a speaker for the Solar System Ambassador program at the Odyssey of the Mind World Championships at Michigan State University. She spoke to almost 1500 people about Moon rocks (including Michigan's Apollo 11 "goodwill sample"), her career as a planetary scientist and professor, and the Great American Solar Eclipse. She gave away over 1200 solar eclipse glasses in 2.5 days.

In June, Nicolle attended Women in Astronomy IV in Austin, TX, and she also attended the Global Liberal Arts Alliance Workshop for Science and Engineering Faculty in Deree, Greece (with **Lisa Lewis**, Chemistry).

In July, Nicolle and **Vanessa McCaffrey** (Chemistry) presented a poster at the XVIIIth International Conference on the Origin of Life in San Diego. The title of their poster, with two student co-authors, was "Assessing the Abundances of Sugar Molecules on Comet Nuclei."

Nicolle also participated in two NASA proposal review panels.