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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE FEBRUARY 7, 2020.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

Textual Analysis Subcommittee of C&RC:

The Textual Analysis Mode Subcommittee has approved IDS: 353 "Power and Authority" to count as a textual analysis course. This course is offered through The Philadelphia Center.

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Faculty Development Committee:

The Faculty Development Committee has approved a combined Small and Large Grant to **Perry Myers** (Modern Languages & Cultures) to participate in an intensive French language course in preparation for a year-long fellowship in France.

FDC has awarded a Small Grant to **Vanessa McCaffrey** (Chemistry) to participate in an invited Seminar in Lund, Sweden.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

ASIANetwork announces the 28th Annual Conference, April 17 – 19, 2020, Hyatt Regency Columbus, **Columbus, Ohio**. **This year's theme is SEEING ASIA: Visualizing, Envisioning, Reflecting.** The 2020 ASIANetwork Conference theme focuses on the visual in scholarship, pedagogy, and artistic expression in and about Asia, and on representations of Asia and Asians in various geographic and historical contexts. The physical and human landscapes of Asia have inspired countless depictions in forms such as objects and texts, and also portrayals in photography, cartography, and scientific data, many of which lend themselves to digital reproduction, dissemination, and analysis. Regional traditions in art and design have influenced aesthetics across Asia and outside of Asia. Today, as in the past, the peoples of Asia and the Asian diasporas strive to see and be seen in their political and cultural distinctiveness. In light of this complex, heterogeneous, fluid imagery, Asianists employ numerous disciplinary and interdisciplinary lenses in their work.

NCUR (National Council on Undergraduate Research) announces its annual meeting, March 26-28, 2020 at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. The deadline for early conference

registration is February 21, 2020. For more information about the Conference, see <http://www.cur.org/what/events/students/ncur/2020/>.

III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mark Bollman (Mathematics & Computer Science) was recognized as an "Unsung Hero" by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, in which he has served in various capacities since 2007. An accounting of his service to the Michigan Section was published in the December/January issue of *MAA FOCUS*, the MAA's newsletter, and may be found online at http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?m=7656&l=1#{%22issue_id%22:638453,%22page%22:28%22}.

Nancy Demerdash-Fatemi (Art & Art History) gave a talk entitled, "Migration and the Architectural Prophylactics of Hygiene and Housing in Postwar Tunisia," in the panel, "Narratives of Disease, Discomfort, Development and Disaster: Reconsidering (sub)Tropical Architecture and Urbanism," at the 7th International Network of Tropical Architecture Conference, held at the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia. Her paper pertains to her doctoral research and current book project. She was also invited by Prof. Ziad Jamaledine of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University in New York City to participate in an advanced architecture studio critique for the graduate course, "De-fencing the Mosque: Investigation into Rural Religious Edifices and Settlements on Djerba Island, Tunisia," taking place on December 11th.

Deborah Kanter (History) presented "Chicago Católico: Making Catholic Parishes Mexican in Pilsen" at Georgetown University & the Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, D.C., November, 22, 2019.

Jocelyn McWhirter (Religious Studies) attended the Third Enoch Colloquium on November 20 in San Diego, California. From November 21-23 she participated in the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, presiding at sessions of the Mark Passion Narrative Seminar and the Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section. Her article "All Interpretations Are Subjective" has been published in the inaugural issue of *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*.

In August **Carrie Walling** (Political Science) was a presenter in a human rights pedagogy short course at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Her presentation was titled, "Learning through Human Rights & Transitional Justice in the Criminal Justice System."

In October, Carrie took three FURSCA students (Caitlin Cummings, Morgan Armstrong, and Marco Colmenares) to the Social Practice of Human Rights Conference in Dayton, Ohio. There, she presented "Finding Restoration in the Prison Classroom: Teaching Transitional Justice on the Inside." The students are working with her to create a human rights toolkit for use by students on college campuses.

Also in October, Carrie received a book contract from Routledge for Human Rights and Dignity for All: Exploring Rights Claims in America and Around the World. The book will be published as part of its international studies intensives series. Organized around empirically-rich comparative

case studies, the book bridges theory and practice by illustrating how ordinary people make human rights claims to challenge the harmful and exclusionary practices of powerful institutions and states. Pairing U.S.-based cases (like the Flint Water Crisis and Black Lives Matter) with cases from all regions of the world illustrates how rights and justice issues are cultural and geographic variations of common political, social and economic problems.

Carrie's FURSCA students (Caitlin Cummings, Morgan Armstrong and Marco Colmenares) will contribute to chapter 6 of the book by developing a human rights toolkit that identifies best practices and offers practical ideas for how students can build inclusive human rights-centered community and reduce bias incidents on their campuses and in their communities.

Jeff Wilson (Psychological Science) was an invited participant in a workshop at the 2019 meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Chicago, IL, October 19 - 23. His talk, "Passion Strong Enough to Overcome Dread" was part of a workshop on "Getting Creative with Course-Based Research Experiences." Wilson took seven students to the conference, and arranged meetings for them with neuroscientists from other institutions: Sydney Trask (U. Wisconsin, Milwaukee), Aaron Jasnow (Kent State U.). He also arranged a reunion gathering for Albion alumni who were at the meeting - nine alums attended.

Jeff appeared in the November issue of Discover Magazine's article on "The Top 10 Science Experiments of All Time," in the section devoted to Pavlov's studies. Wilson and Catharine Rankin (U. British Columbia), officers of the Pavlovian Society, were interviewed regarding the significance of Pavlov's discoveries.

Nicolle Zellner (Physics) had her paper published in the Journal of Geophysical Research - Planets, "Lunar Impact Glasses: Probing the Moon's Surface and Constraining its Impact History," <https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2019JE006050>

Nicolle's invited review of the book, Dante and the Early Astronomer: Science, Adventure, and a Victorian Woman Who Opened the Heavens by Tracy Daugherty, was published in Physics Today, "Astronomer's biography skimps on the science," <https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.3.4367>

Additionally, Nicolle gave a public talk at Ionia Community Library, <https://thedailynews.cc/articles/michigans-moon-connections-to-be-discussed-nov-19-in-onia/>.