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WheelerNotes

Welcome and Welcome Back:

For those of you who escaped to the Grand Canyon, Cooperstown, NY, San Francisco ... Spain, Denmark, Estonia ... welcome back. Let me assure you that those who remained behind endured a "real" Savannah summer for you. For those of you who remained in the Savannah trenches, teaching, working on projects, and growing light green mold behind your ears in the indescribable rain and humidity, we trust your miniscule break was sufficient to allow you a new rush of adrenalin as we prepare to teach the Class of 2009.

We wish to offer a special welcome to the new faculty members who join us this Fall:

Languages, Literature and Philosophy: Margaret Brockland-Nease, Monty Laycox, Pat West, David Wheeler

Art, Music, Theater: Lynn Basinger, Vic Colaizzi, Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, Angela Ryczkowski

Biology: Scott Mateer, Joseph Petty, Karen Pinco

Chemistry and Physics: Bill Baird, Kelly Elkins, Brent Feske, Joseph Williams

Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science: Adam Bossler, Corie Hammers, Mary Moultrie

Mathematics: Donna Bryant, Sean Eastman, Sungkon Chang

Psychology: Peter Rosato, Sara Farrell

Scheduling the Final Examination

Several calls came in last semester requesting that we issue a reminder about the scheduling of final examinations. In classes in which there is a cumulative final examination, *that final examination must occur at the time specified in the examination schedule given in the Fall Schedule of Classes*. This examination schedule is carefully calibrated to spread the examinations across several days so that students can prepare optimally for those examinations.

Even in classes in which the last test is *not* a comprehensive exam, it may be wise to schedule that exam during the final exam period, to reduce some of the burden of the last two days of class and to

optimize student success. Final grades are not due this semester until December 13.

A Blow Against Plagiarism

Please be aware that we now have a web-based tutorial on the library web site to help students understand what is and is not plagiarism. We are grateful that Dr. David Wheeler was able to acquire this tutorial and make it available to all Armstrong students. You may want to consider requiring your students to complete this tutorial before attempting major papers in your courses. The web address is: <http://www.library.armstrong.edu/plagiarismtutorial.html>

Promotion and Tenure Reminder

The deadline for submission of promotion and tenure packets is September 8. According to our records, only one Arts & Sciences faculty member (he's a percussionist) is required to stand for tenure this year. If you think this information is in error, please contact Dean Wheeler.

Recall that there is preferred format for P & T portfolios. Portfolios should be limited in scale and scope, with one small, 1" to 1.5" master binder and one or more larger binders arranged as follows:

The Master binder should contain:

- Letter requesting promotion or tenure
- Vita
- 1-2 page summary of FACE documents
- Reflective statements about teaching, scholarship, and service
- Annual Faculty Evaluations and APARS
- Report of the Departmental vote and recommendation of department head (included by department head)
- Table of Contents for the other folder(s)

Other binder(s) should contain:

- At least five years of FACE results
- Other materials required by the department
- Samples of scholarly products

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The New Guy Who Has Been Here Since May

Adam Bossler, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, may be the most experienced and most assimilated of the new members of the A & S faculty. After all, he has been here since early May, advising students, preparing for classes, and making himself well at home among his colleagues in the Department of CJSPS.

Bossler's field of research is criminology theory. In particular, he is studying the relatively new "control-balance" theory of criminal behavior, one that posits that the total amount of control people are subjected to, relative to the control they can exercise, will affect the probability and type of their deviant behavior. The theory also addresses an important related question—why do most individuals not commit crimes? Bossler has collected data intended to test the theory, and soon will earn the Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

With the loss of Dr. Kathy Bennett to the Office of Institutional Research, Bossler will immediately take on an important role in the criminal justice program. In addition to courses in criminology and corrections, he will be teaching the required courses in graduate and undergraduate research methods. He also hopes to play a major role in graduate program in criminal justice, and envisions making the degree more applicable for local criminal justice professionals and policymakers. A native of Washington, Missouri, and a big St. Louis Cardinals fan, Professor Bossler already has earned four months of credit toward becoming an official Georgian.

Call for Papers - Realizing Women's Leadership: The Art of the Possible

Armstrong Atlantic State University's Gender and Women's Studies Program invites paper, roundtable, panel, and workshop proposals for its fourth annual conference, "Realizing Women's Leadership: The Art of the Possible." The conference will be held March 2-4, 2006 in downtown Savannah. Framing the concept of women's leadership very broadly, we invite proposals that explore how leadership is an agent in shaping collective values, goals, agendas, and strategies. We are especially interested in proposals that emphasize the importance of women's agency and the history of the acquisition of that agency in broad social and artistic contexts. We hope to consider many definitions of leadership from diverse areas, such as (but not limited to) politics, the creative and performing arts, philanthropy, and social reform. For further information and submission details, contact Dr. Winterhalter. Deadline is October 30, 2005.

Jill Miller Scholarships

I am sure that all readers of DEANotes have received a friendly letter from the AASU Foundation asking for donations. As you know, it is possible to direct your contributions to any of about two hundred different accounts, so you can be sure that your donations go to a cause that is important to you. For those of interested in contributing funds in the memory of Dr. Jill Miller, it is important to clarify the recently issued sheets with the code numbers.

In the aftermath of Dr. Miller's death, her family has shaped a new version of the Jill Miller Scholarship, now labeled #324. Two previously created funds, #182, the Honors Abroad Fund, and #160A, an earlier version of the Jill Miller Scholarship, have been dissolved and their funds have been merged into fund #324.

The purpose of fund #324 is to support up to two scholarship awards per year—at most one to an art student who wishes to study abroad, and at most one to an Honors Program student who wishes to study abroad. The first award winner, art student Ms. Katya Isyaev, is both an honors student and an art history student, and recently has returned from several weeks of study in Russia, a country that she last visited at the age of six months.

NEH Stipends

The deadline for applying for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends for 2006 is October 1, 2005. Awards are for \$5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Guidelines and application instructions are available at

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>.

The university may nominate no more than two faculty members for this award. Thus far, one member has expressed interest, and the dean needs to know if any other potential proposals are floating out there. If interested, please contact Dean Wheeler by September 1.

Deadlines and Dates

22 August Items for Curr Comm Due

24 August Fall Semester CIRs Due

25 August Part-Time Pay/Extra Comp Reports Due

30 August Academic Council

31 August Off-Campus Teaching Expenses Due

2 September Faculty Forum

5 & 6 September No Class

8 September Promotion & Tenure Applications Due

5 October Midterm, Session 1

12 October AASU Day