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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT DEANERY ARE DUE DECEMBER 3, 2010.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

From Curriculum & Resources Committee:

C&RC approved ENVN 220, Economics, Politics & Environmental Policy (Greg Saltzman) to count as a social science course for core distribution purposes.

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Artistic Creation & Analysis Mode Committee:

The Artistic Creation and Analysis Mode Committee has approved English 223: Introduction to Creative Nonfiction, as taught by Danit Brown and Helena Mesa, for this mode.

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Gender & Ethnicity Category Subcommittee:

The Gender & Ethnicity Category Subcommittee has approved the following courses for gender or ethnicity category credit:

A&S 238: South Asian Identities (Chase) - ethnicity

MLAC 107: Our Americas: Crossing Borders, Cultures, and Histories (Perez Abreu) - ethnicity

PLSC 205 - Democracy and Difference: Theories of Multiculturalism (Ben-Ishai) - ethnicity

SPAN 350: Women in Hispanic Literature (Perez Abreu) - gender

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Global Studies Committee:

The Global Studies Committee has approved JAPN 102 and 202 (Nakano) and RS 260: Myth, Religion, Civilization (Soileau) as meeting the Global Studies requirement.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The U.S. Department of State announced the **Jefferson Science Fellows Program for 2011**. Tenured academic scientists and engineers from U.S. institutions of higher learning are eligible for selection. Each Fellow will spend one year at the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development. All JSF assignments will be designed through a consultation that considers the interests and expertise of the Fellow and the needs of the hosting agency. Application deadline is January 15, 2011. For additional information, please see: www.nas.edu/jsf.

The National Academies has announced the **Graduate, Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs for 2011**. Competitive awards are available for scientists and engineers to conduct independent research in federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. Awards include stipends, health insurance, professional travel and relocation. Detailed program information, including application deadlines and instructions on how to apply, is available at: www.nationalacademies.org/rap.

III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Craig Bieler (Chemistry) had an article published in J. Chem. Phys. 133, 014305 (2010), "Real-time dissociation dynamics of the Ne2Br2 van der Waals complex." Co-authors included Jordan M. Pio, Molly A. Taylor, Wytze E. van der Veer, Jose A. Cabrera, and Kenneth C. Janda.

Dyron Dabney (Political Science) and **Lynne Chytilo** (Art and Art History) presented "Pottery and Politics: Examining the Art and Politics of Tea Culture in Japan" at DePaul University, Chicago IL, on October 29-30, 2010. The conference, entitled "Teaching Japan: Pedagogical Possibilities in U.S. Higher Education," addressed approaches to sustaining Japanese studies programs on U.S. college campuses. Dabney and Chytilo reflected on their interdisciplinary approach to introducing Japan to students at Albion College.

Anne McCauley (Art & Art History) had an exhibition, proximity, in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery at the University of Minnesota Morris. The exhibition ran from October 21 through November 24 and included oil pastel and graphite drawings completed while in residence at Jentel in Banner, Wyoming.

In October, **Dean McCurdy** (Biology/Honors), **Gene Cline** (Philosophy/Honors), and **Renee Kreger** (Honors) delivered an invited presentation at the 45th annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council in Kansas City, MO. Their talk, entitled "Biodiversity and Conservation in the Converting World: A Traveling Honors Seminar in Suriname, South America," discussed a recent Honors course trip to Suriname and the benefits of international travel for Honors students.

Marcy Sacks (History) has been offered a contract by Routledge Press to publish her book on heavyweight boxer Joe Louis and race in 20th century America.

Jeff Wilson (Psychological Science) presented a poster, "Worms in a wheel: Developing a new procedure," at the annual meeting of the Pavlovian Society, Baltimore, MD, October 2010. Jeff serves as Secretary/Treasurer, and helped to organize the annual meeting of the Pavlovian Society, a scientific organization founded in 1955. He also maintains the web page for the Society.