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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT *DEANERY* ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

Ethnicity & Gender Category Committee

Dr. Alyssa Adamson's course, "PHIL 2020: Social Philosophy," was unanimously approved by the committee for the YEH (Ethnicity) category designation. It satisfies all of the requirements to earn the designation.

Dr. Krista Quesenberry's course, HSP 137H "Race in Media", was unanimously approved by the committee for the YEH (Ethnicity) category designation. It satisfies all of the requirements to earn the designation.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

UPCOMING CUR EVENTS & DEADLINES

CUR events are highlighted in **blue**, CUR upcoming deadlines are noted in **green**

CUR Conversations: Designing for Success - Creating a Structure for Goldwater Scholarship Applicants

September 14, 2021 | 2:00 PM ET (Members Only)

https://myaccount.cur.org/register?_zs=aOVmX&_zl=eWlk2

CUR Conversations: Developing and Implementing CUREs

September 22, 2021 | 1:00 PM ET (Members Only)

https://myaccount.cur.org/register?_zs=aOVmX&_zl=eWlk2

Physics & Astronomy Nadine Barlow UR Support Award

Deadline | October 1, 2021

https://www.cur.org/who/governance/divisions/physastron/URsupport/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=fWlk2

CUR Conversation: Tips for Navigating the REU Application Process

October 5, 2021 | 1:00 PM ET (Open to all)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Oct5CURConvo>

Psychology Mid-Career Mentoring Award

Deadline | October 15, 2021

https://www.cur.org/who/governance/divisions/psychology/mentoraward/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=hWlk2

REU Symposium

Virtual | October 25, 2021

https://www.cur.org/what/events/students/reu/reu_symposium_2021/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=iWlk2

CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award

Deadline | November 1, 2021

https://www.cur.org/what/recognition/goldwater/nominations/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=jWlk2

Arts & Humanities Faculty Mentor Award

Phase I Deadline | November 5, 2021

https://www.cur.org/what/recognition/artshum/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=kWlk2

CUR Dialogues

Early-Bird Registration Deadline | December 31, 2021

https://www.cur.org/what/events/conferences/cur_dialogues/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=lWlk2

CUR Dialogues

Virtual | February 14-18, 2022

https://www.cur.org/what/events/conferences/cur_dialogues/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=lWlk2

Social Sciences Division: Outstanding Mentor Award

Deadline | March 1, 2022

https://www.cur.org/who/governance/divisions/socsci/mentoraward/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=mWlk2

NCUR @Home 2022

Virtual | April 4-8, 2022

https://www.cur.org/what/events/students/ncur/2022/ncur_2022/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=aOVmX&_zl=nWlk2

Undergraduate Research Week

Virtual | April 18-22, 2022

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III SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vicki Baker (Economics & Management) conducted a series of 3 workshops for Penn State University's Academic Leadership Academy:

- “Leading and Managing Career Development Strategies.” Three, 2-hour workshops developed and delivered for Penn State University’s Academic Leadership Academy hosted by the Center for the Study of Higher Education (June/July, 2021).

Vicki also delivered several presentations/talks, had an essay on faculty development accepted for publication, and contracted her 5th book:

- van Goch, M. M., Lutz, C., & **Baker, V. L.** (August, 2021). “Shape Your Own Professional Future Through Guided Reflection Exercises.” Workshop to be presented at the annual meeting of EARLi (virtual)
- Austin, A. E., Singer, S., **Baker, V. L.**, Grimm, A., Shanks, L., & Devereaux, M. (June, 2021). Organization-focused Networks as Levers for Change: A Research-Based Theoretical Framework to Conceptualize their Work. Research presented as part of the ASCN/NSEC Annual Meeting (virtual).
- Panelist: “Brick X Brick: Small Business & Entrepreneurship” Albion Reinvestment Corporation (May 27, 2021)
- **Baker, V. L.** (July 24, 2021). “It’s Time for Academic Re-Entry: Three Post-Pandemic Career Tips for Women. *The Academic Woman* (Thoughts & Inspiration Section).
- Terosky, A. L., **Baker, V. L.**, Sun, J. (contracted). *A Practical Guide to Teaching Research Methods in Education*. Routledge (Taylor & Francis) Publishing

Mark Bollman's (Mathematics & Computer Science) book, *Mathematics of the Big Four Casino Table Games*, was published in August by CRC Press/Taylor & Francis. The book's subtitle, “Baccarat, Blackjack, Craps, and Roulette,” tells you everything you need to know about the material covered.

Danit Brown (English) was approved for a large and small grant for her project “Coaching for Novel-In-Progress.”

Abby Cahill's (Biology) article “Causes of warm-edge range limits: systematic review, proximate factors and implications for climate change” (Cahill et al. 2014) was named as one of the most-cited papers led by women in the *Journal of Biogeography* between 2009 and 2020. It was highlighted in a virtual issue of the journal

([https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1365-2699.Women_in_Biogeography](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-2699.Women_in_Biogeography)) and a blog post (<https://journalofbiogeographynews.org/2021/07/27/women-in-biogeography-1/>).

Nels Christensen's non-fiction feature “The Way You Do It: Remembering the Language of Fathers, Sons, and Guns” will be published in the upcoming November/December issue of *Sports Afield*. Over the summer, he presented an essay entitled “A Real and Righteous Insurrection: The Black Panther Party, The January 6 Mob, and Revolutionary Green ‘Fuckitness’” at the 2021 virtual conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment.

Drew Christopher (Psychology) was the recipient of the 2021 Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research in the Social Sciences Award from the Social Sciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR).

Over the summer, **Nancy Demerdash-Fatemi** (Art & Art History) had two articles published: “Archival Critique and Activism: Memory, Preservation and Digital Visual Cultures in Post-Revolutionary Egyptian Heterotopias,” in the *Journal of the African Literature Association* (vol. 15, no.3) and “Integration through Conversion: Discourses of Islam and the muslim laic in Contemporary French Cinema,” in Kristian Petersen ed., *Muslims in the Movies: A Global Anthology* (Harvard University Press).

Ashley Feagin (Art & Art History) and Libby Rowe, exhibition "We Are Overwhelmed" opened at University at Texas at San Antonio; July 21, 2021- August 13, 2021. The two-person traveling exhibition features work created by Feagin supported by the Albion College 2021 Faculty Development Associate Professor Summer Fellowship.

Dianne Guenin-Lelle (Modern Languages & Cultures) was invited by the Louisiana State Museum's Friends of the Cabildo to give an author's talk on her book and the history of French New Orleans in May 2021.

Joseph Ho (History) will give a virtual public lecture for the Long US-China Institute at the University of California, Irvine on September 28. The lecture is titled “Photographic Encounters: Visual Technologies and Missionary Modernity in Republican China. Registration information https://uci.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w9Zb5rbtTmi3CyQf7DfEww.

On October 7, Joseph will present an invited talk at Michigan State University, titled “Graven Images: Missionary Visual Practices and Cross-Cultural Imaginations of Religion in China.” The talk is sponsored in part by the MSU Department of Religious Studies.

On October 14, Joseph will present an invited talk at Whitworth University, titled “Envisioning and Imagining Modern East Asia.”

Joseph’s book chapter, “Through the Narrow Gate: Visual Performativity and Cinematic Translations of Missionary Transnationalism in China” has been accepted for publication in *Translation as Practice: Intercultural Encounters, China, and the Creation of Global Modernities*, Filippo Marsili and Eugenio Menegon, eds. (Edinburgh University Press).

Lia Jensen-Abbott (Music) used her spring 2021 sabbatical to complete her three CD volume set of the Albion College Diabelli Squared Project. On May 9-15, 2021, Lia recorded and edited Volumes Two and Three. They are currently available in CD format and will soon be released digitally on Odd Pop Records. She also has continued to make upgrades to her project’s website, diabellisquared.com. In addition, Lia took on the demanding task of performing all three CD programs on May 17-19, 2021 in Goodrich Chapel. Each of the three days featured an afternoon lecture recital followed by a complete performance of the work being discussed. All six recitals were recorded and are currently being linked to her website.

The third CD volume includes thirteen commissioned variations from composers from six continents, culminating in a multi-year project dedicated to the idea that musical variation structure embraces unity but also champions diversity.

Deborah Kanter (History) was awarded the Hamlin Garland Prize in Popular History from the Midwestern History Association. The prize recognizes her book *Chicago Católico: Making Catholic Parishes Mexican*. The Hamlin Garland Prize in Popular History honors a work of popular history about the Midwest published in the previous calendar year that contributes to broader public reflection and appreciation of the region's past.

Scott Melzer (Anthropology & Sociology) appeared in the gun documentary, *The Price of Freedom* (<https://www.thepriceoffreedommovie.com/>), which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in June, and will have its national premiere this month on CNN. He also appeared in a CNBC short documentary on stay-at-home dads: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHCcVqjRu1I> (*Why More Men are Becoming Stay-at-home Dads*, CNBC Make It, May 5, 2021). Finally, he was interviewed for a video/podcast on his scholarly work and men's sexual violence for the Education and Training Committee for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, an international organization whose aim is to end sexual abuse.

Ola Olapade (Biology) was awarded a research fellowship to the University of Fort Hare, Alice Campus, South Africa this past summer that was sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and the Institute of International Education (IIE). He also co-authored a research paper titled "Virulence and antibiotic resistance characteristics of *Vibrio* isolates from rustic environmental freshwaters" (Digban TO, Gxalo O, Igere BE, Olapade OO, Okoh AI, and Nwodo UU. 2021) that was recently published by the *Journal of Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology*.
Doi:10.3389/fcimb.2021.732001.

David Reimann (Mathematics and Computer Science) was invited to give the "Fun with Figurate Numbers" for the 2021 On-Line NYC Math Festival, an online event of the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) on July 17, 2021. David also led the construction of several large geometric objects at the in-person MoMath 2021 NYC Math Festival on August 14, 2021. David gave a talk "Lifelines: A Series of Artworks that Invite Contemplation on the Human Condition" at the 2021 Bridges Conference, held virtually August 2-3, 2021. The peer-reviewed paper appears in the published conference proceedings on pages 305-308. His related artwork, "Seeds of Lifelines" was included in the juried conference art exhibition and appears on page 65 of the printed art catalog. David gave the virtual talk "Art from Langford Sequences" at the annual MathFest, an annual event of the The Mathematical Association of America (MAA) on August 5, 2021.

Marcy Sacks (History) will be giving a talk on "Joe Louis: Battering the Color Barrier" for the Historical Society of Michigan on September 22. In addition, her paper, "'The Negro Minstrels are Correct': Black Refugees' Survivalist Strategies during the American Civil War," was accepted for presentation at the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies conference on Slavery During the Civil War (April 2022).

Greg Saltzman (emeritus, Economics and Management) co-authored a paper with faculty at the University of Michigan Department of Ophthalmology: “Challenges of Cost-effectiveness Analyses of Novel Therapeutics for Inherited Retinal Diseases.” The paper has been accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Ophthalmology* (a journal whose current impact factor is 5.258).

Craig Streu and Pamela Mertz, of St. Mary’s College of Maryland, published an article in the August 2021 issue of *ASBMB Today* on the topic of return to classroom issues for college educators, with an emphasis on those in the biomolecular sciences.

<https://www.asbmb.org/Asbmb.Web/media/files/atoday/ASBMBToday-2021-08.pdf>

Dawid Tatarczyk (Political Science) has two submissions for the September Deanery:

1) Dawid Tatarczyk’s article entitled, “The Dēmos still Matters: Bridging the Gap between Political Theory and Democratization Research” has been published in *Polish Sociological Review* 213 (1):71-86. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26412/psr213.04>. The article can be found here: <http://polish-sociological-review.eu/The-D-mos-still-Matters-Bridging-the-Gap-between-Political-Theory-and-Democratization,134307,0,2.html>

2) Dawid Tatarczyk's article entitled, “Political Preferences of QCA Methods Institutes? A Comment on the Availability and Gender Gap Disparity Problems” has been published in *Political Preferences 2021* vol. 28: 23-31. DOI:10.31261/polpre.2021.28.23-31. The article can be found here: <https://journals.us.edu.pl/index.php/PP/article/view/11917/9447>.

Nicolle Zellner (Physics) received the Carl Sagan Medal for excellence in public communication from the Division for Planetary Science (DPS) of the American Astronomical Society. This competitive annual award recognizes and honors outstanding communication by an active planetary scientist to the general public. It is awarded to scientists whose efforts have significantly contributed to a public understanding of, and enthusiasm for, planetary science. Through her public talks, telescope observing sessions, TV and radio interviews, and publications for a general audience, Nicolle's activities have reached millions of people nationwide.

The DPS press release is <https://dps.aas.org/news/aas-division-planetary-sciences-announces-2021-prize-winners> and the Albion College article is <https://www.albion.edu/news-article/dr-nicolle-zellner-awarded-carl-sagan-medal-by-astronomy-peers/>.