From the Provost

WOMEN CHANGING AFRICA: A BARNARD COLLEGE GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM
For more information on Barnard’s March 15 symposium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Women Changing Africa please visit our website. Please feel free to forward information about the event to anyone you think might be interested in attending, and contact Hilary Link/Rachel Romesburg at globalsymposium@barnard.edu with any questions.

COMMENCEMENT
As a reminder, Barnard’s commencement will take place on Tuesday, May 17 at 2:30pm. University commencement will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:30am.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS
Application deadline: Friday, April 1, 2011.
For more information see the Faculty Guide or the application guidelines and form.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WILLEN SEMINAR: Academic Year 2011-12
The Committee for Faculty Diversity and Development invites proposals for faculty seminars on any topic, either within departments and programs or across disciplinary boundaries. Groups of faculty may apply for amounts of up to $1,500 for the 2011-12 academic year to support new intellectual work at the college. The budgets may cover the purchase of books or other materials, food and supplies for meetings, or stipends for participants. Proposals may include requests for funds for local speakers and if travel and hotel are necessary the FDD committee will work with faculty members to secure funding. Departments and programs can also contribute to the projects by supporting speakers with their own funds. Proposals should include a brief (one-page or less) description of the topic, a list of participants that briefly describes their interest in the topic, an outline of the meeting schedule and a budget for the proposed use of funds.

Proposals are due on April 7, 2011 and will be reviewed by the Committee for Faculty Diversity and Development. Proposals can be submitted to Janet Jakobsen, Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development at jjakobsen@barnard.edu.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MELLON SUMMER GRANTS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES
Application Deadline: Friday 1 April 2011
As part of the “Faculty Focus on Translation Studies,” supported by a four-year grant from the Mellon Foundation, the Grants Committee invites proposals from full-time continuing faculty of all ranks for summer research in any area of translation studies. These grants will provide funds for faculty engaged in
translation projects or seeking to add a translation studies component to their research or teaching. Proposals that will lead to the publication of a translation, especially from marginalized or underrepresented cultures and languages, are welcome, as are proposals leading to the development of a course or part of a course devoted to issues of translation. Funds may be used for travel and living expenses, and where necessary support for a research assistant, preferably a Barnard student. The amount of the award will depend upon the specific needs of the project. Please note that successful applicants will be required to write a short summary of their research project at the end of the year. Translation Studies grants will be available each summer through 2012 inclusive. Those intending to apply for summer 2010 should contact Peter Connor by e-mail: pconnor@barnard.edu.

From the Communications Department

BARNARD MAGAZINE
Faculty members are urged to contact the Barnard Magazine with achievements, news, and story ideas such as new hires or courses offered; any research or extraordinary foreign travel to pursue that research; or outstanding awards to either themselves or students that might have a broad appeal to alumnae. Please e-mail magazine@barnard.edu with suggestions.

From the Dean of Studies

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY REPORTS
Last week, you should have received a message about the University-wide electronic academic monitoring system that enables you to notify us easily about students who are not attending classes or who are doing poorly in your courses. The system is located at https://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/adr/, and your reports will be sent automatically to the appropriate dean here (and at Columbia College, the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and General Studies). Upon receipt of a report, we forward it to the student’s academic adviser, and we contact the student, asking her to meet with her instructor, adviser, and Class Dean, as appropriate, to discuss options and approaches for improving her standing. Please do not assume that a student has dropped your course if she stops attending. She may be just sitting in her room, not doing much of anything else.

Case in point: at the end of last semester, two students came to our attention for the first time, neither of whom had completed a single course. We hadn’t received even one report for either of them. While there are no guarantees that we could’ve helped them resolve their situations, the chances are pretty great that we could’ve at least helped them to begin to address the issues that were preventing them from functioning (academically and otherwise) earlier on instead of after they’d been required to withdraw from the College.

If you have any questions about using the system, please call Karen Blank at x47502. If you would like to speak with the relevant Class Dean, please call: First-years-Lisa Hollibaugh, x47430; Sophomores-Christina Kuan Tsu, x47589; Juniors-Jim Runsdorf, x47512; and Seniors-Aaron Schneider, x47709.

Thanks very much to those of you who submit reports faithfully.
From the Library

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS
Come to the library for a quick refresher or an introduction to a new research tool. Topics include, but not limited to: RefWorks, Financial Literacy, Library Research in Education, and Using the Barnard Archives. Workshops are held in the Digital Training Lab on the 1st floor of Lehman Hall, and are open to faculty, students and staff. RSVP to Lois Coleman lcoleman@barnard.edu, or just drop in!

OFFSITE DELIVERY AND SEMESTER LOANS COME TO BARNARD
The Barnard Wollman library is now a pick-up location for Research Collections and Preservation Consortium materials. Request an Offsite item via CLIO, and it will be at Barnard within two business days. You can keep Off-site monographs, along with any other item from Barnard or Columbia with a standard loan period, for the semester. If that’s not long enough, you can use CLIO to renew them up to ten times.

DISABILITY ZINES EXHIBIT
In conjunction with BCRW’s Scholar and Feminist Conference, "Movements: Politics, Performance, and Disability," the Barnard Library Zine Collection has installed a disability zines exhibit in the lobby of Lehman Hall. Curated by Pratt Institute graduate student intern Lenny Adler, the exhibit features zines from our circulating and archival collections.

NSF DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENT
The new NSF requirement stipulates that all proposals with a due date of January 18, 2011 or later contain a data management plan (DMP) addressing how the proposed project will comply with the agency’s data sharing policy. We are collaborating with the Scholarly Communication Program and the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship at Columbia to assist faculty in drafting a DMP. For more information, you can consult the website or Lisa Norberg for more information.

From Mail & Print Services
The new Print Services web site is up and running with many new features, including:

- More information on installing, using, and getting help for your Ricoh multi-function printer;
- Improved print job order form that can be submitted by email;
- Extensive Help section on PDF creation for users of Microsoft and Adobe products;
- Downloadable templates for those who create their own designs.

Please visit the site and send us your feedback.
www.barnard.edu/mail-print-services/print

From the Pre-College Programs

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
The Pre-College Programs Office would like to invite you to learn more about Barnard’s Summer in the City! The program is an opportunity for high school students from around the country and the world to discover the challenges of college life and the excitement of this great city. Summer in the City is a coed
pre-college program for students who are intellectually prepared for college-level work and will have
completed the tenth or eleventh grade by June 2011. Interested students can apply to one of our three
programs: the four-week program, the one-week Liberal Arts Intensive, or the Young Women’s
Leadership Institute (women only).

SUMMER IN NEW YORK CITY 2011
One-week session: June 26 - July 1, 2011
Four-week session: June 26 - July 23, 2011
Young Women’s Leadership Institute: July 10 - 17, 2011

To learn more about Summer in the City you may visit our website
at [www.barnard.edu/precollege](http://www.barnard.edu/precollege). Since students are admitted to the program on a rolling basis, early
application is advised. Space is limited and our programs fill quickly.

The Office of Pre-College Programs offers a discount for the children of Barnard faculty and staff to
courage your daughters and sons to attend our pre-college programs. We offer a fifty-percent
reduction on tuition expenses. Please be aware that a discount is not available on room and board but
commuters are invited to apply to the one and four-week programs (YWLI is residential only).

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Matzkin at: x48866, [pcp@barnard.edu](mailto:pcp@barnard.edu), 235 Milbank Hall

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**Upcoming Events**

**Theatre Thesis Festival I**
Thursday, March 3 – Saturday, March 5, 2011
Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

**Tosca: The Concert Version**
By Giacomo Puccini
Friday, March 4, 2011
Union Theological Seminary, James Chapel

**The Labor Of Care: Rethinking Gender, Work, and Rights in the American Welfare State**
A lecture with Jennifer Klein ’89
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

**Fugitives & Matriarchs: Slavery in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds**
A lecture with Gunja SenGupta
Thursday, March 10, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

**Women Changing Africa**
Barnard’s 2011 Global Symposia
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Sandton Sun Conference Center, Johannesburg, South Africa
Diversity And Disease Ecology In Plant Communities
A lecture with Alison G. Power
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Simple Gifts: A Workshop and Concert
Friday, March 25, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

The New Woman: Representations in Photography and Film
A discussion with Elizabeth Otto and Vanessa Rocco
Monday, March 28, 2011
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

Myth of the Foreign Woman: Translating Medea
A lecture with Arie Thompson
Monday, March 28, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

The F –Word: A Celebration
A lecture with Anna Quindlen
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

The Transatlantic Slave Trade & Its Effect On The Igbo & Yoruba Cultures
A lecture with Prof. Matt D. Childs
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

A Space Like No Other
A talk with Rosmarie Waldrop
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Ella Weed Room, Milbank 223

Senior Creative Thesis Dance Concert
Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 2, 2011
Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

What’s Water Worth? Hydrofracking and its impact on New York Drinking Water
A panel
Tuesday, April 5, 2011
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

Created In God’s Image: Intersections of Judaism, Gender, and Human Rights
A lecture with Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster ’01
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Event Oval, The Diana Center
Translation, Intertextuality, Interpretation
A lecture with Lawrence Venuti
Thursday, April 7, 2011
Event Oval, The Diana Center

Tanya Barfield, Shira Nayman & Frances Richard
Writers at Barnard
Thursday, April 7, 2011
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

For more information visit the College Calendar.

Newsbriefs

Séverine Autesserre, Assistant Professor of Political Science, gave a talk on her 2010 book, The Trouble with the Congo, to the staff of the peacekeeping mission based in Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo) in December. She was awarded a Harry Frank Guggenheim fellowship and a interdisciplinary research grant from the Earth Institute at Columbia University to conduct field research in Burundi and Sudan for her new project “Seeing Like a Peacebuilder.” She presented some preliminary findings from this project at a workshop in PRIO (Oslo) in February.


Dina C. Merrer, Associate Professor of Chemistry, gave an invited talk, “Dynamic Control of Carbene Reactions to Strained C-C Bonds,” as part of the symposium on Reactive Intermediates and Unusual Molecules at the 2010 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies (Pacifichem) in Honolulu, HI, on December 18, 2010.