From the President

BARNARD MEDALISTS 2013
The Barnard Board of Trustees is now accepting nominees for the Barnard Medal of Distinction to be conferred at Commencement 2013. Please send new nominations and any relevant biographical material to DiAnn Pierce in the Office of the President by Friday, April 27, 2012. As always, we are looking for people of high distinction whose mark on the world bears some relation to Barnard: as a college dedicated to the education and advancement of women, connected to its location in New York City, and committed to intellectual and creative achievements in the liberal arts and sciences. Thank you in advance for your help in this important selection process.

From the Provost

REMINDERS

Commencement will take place on Monday, May 14 at 12:30pm. We ask for your patience as we sort out requests to attend the Barnard ceremony. Due to the overwhelming number of such requests, a plan is being formulated to most equitably manage them; further information will be forthcoming via email within the next two weeks.

Last Faculty Meeting: May 7, 2012 4:15-5:30 p.m. James Room
Last Department Chairs meeting: April 11, 2012 12:00-2:00 p.m. Sulzberger Parlor

FACUTLY ELECTIONS

Spring 2012 Faculty Elections are in process. All information can be found on the Provost’s website.

STEP #2: FINALIZE NOMINATIONS ONLINE (Monday, APRIL 16)
The three faculty with the most votes for each vacancy will be nominated. The Nomination Ballot, containing names of all assenting and nominated faculty for each of the committee vacancies, will be available to voting members of the faculty on eBear beginning on Monday, APRIL 16. Anonymous online ballots must be submitted by 5pm, Friday, April 20, for counting by Faculty Tellers.

STEP #3: VOTE ONLINE (Thursday, APRIL 26)
Election ballots will be available to voting members of the faculty on eBear. Voting will begin on Thursday, April 26 and election ballots must be submitted by 5pm, Wednesday, May 2.

STEP #4: ELECTION RESULTS (MONDAY, MAY 7)
Election results will be announced at the May 7 Faculty Meeting and sent out via e-mail.
CONGRATULATIONS!
Recipients of the Presidential Research Awards:
John Magyar, Chemistry, Characterization of a metalloprotein from a methane-producing microbe isolated from natural asphalts at the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits
Rebecca Young, Women’s Studies, Out of Bounds? Ethical and Scientific Issues in “Gender Verification” of Elite Female Athletes
Jennifer Mansfield, Biology, Development of the amphioxus somite and evolution of the vertebrate skeletal system

Recipients of Faculty Grants Committee Awards:
Christopher Baswell, English, Feminism and Disability Documentary Project
Helene Foley, Classics, Re-imagining Greek Tragedy on the American Stage
Maja Horn, Spanish and Latin American Cultures, Queer Caribbean Cultures
Laura Kay, Physics and Astronomy, Search for Nearby Intermediate-Mass Black Hole Candidates
Joel Kaye, History, A History of Balance, 1250-1375
Janna Levin, Physics and Astronomy, Black Holes Get Loud and Bright
John Magyar, Chemistry, Characterization of a metalloprotein from a methane-producing microbe isolated from natural asphalts at the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits
Jennifer Mansfield, Biology, Development of the amphioxus somite and evolution of the vertebrate skeletal system
Kim Marten, Political Science, Formation and Endurance of Warlord Pacts: Palestinian Security Forces
Wadda Rios-Font, Spanish, Crime and Spanish Colonial Imagination
Herb Sloan, History, Marie Kimball, Jefferson Biographer
Lisa Tiersten, History, The Capitalist Imagination: The Culture of the Businessman in Turn-of-the Century France
John Magyar, Chemistry, A psychrophilic (cold-loving) cytochrome c
Krista McGuire, Biology, Green roof research symposium
Martin Stute, Environmental Science, Development of a physical hydrofracking model
Frederick Neuhouser, Philosophy, English Translation of Racel Jaeggi’s “Entfremdum” (Alienation)

Recipient of the Tow Award for Innovative and Outstanding Pedagogy:
Jennifer Mansfield, Biology

AALAC/MELLON 23
The AALAC (formerly known as Mellon 23) Collaborative Workshops steering committee has announced the 11 workshops that have been funded for 2012-13 and summaries are online. Funds are available to allow full time faculty members to attend workshops and you are encouraged to do so. Please contact the PI of the individual workshop if you are interested.

From Admissions

ADMITTED STUDENTS
The Office of Admissions mailed decisions on March 26th and now begins a month of on and off-campus programming to help students finalize their decisions. In addition to our usual daily tours, we will be holding campus visit events on April 15-16 and April 22-23. On these days, in particular, you will likely notice large groups of eager admitted students on campus. For those teaching on the Mondays, you should be receiving a separate email from our office about class visits. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the students and their families to campus.

CELEBRATION FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE BOUND FAMILIES

The Admissions Office will host a celebration for students who will be the first in their families to attend college on April 22nd from 5-6pm in Sulzberger Parlor. This will be an informal, drop-in event to acknowledge a momentous occasion with a toast and showcase the campus opportunities for these students. Staff and faculty are invited to attend, to help support and answer any questions. Please join us if your schedule permits. The faculty in attendance last year made strong impressions on students and their families. We’d love to have the same (if not more) faculty support again this year. Once enrolled, the Academic Support and Enrichment Programs office, Financial Aid, and the Counseling Center are just a few of the offices that reach out to serve these students.

Email jfondill@barnard.edu if you can attend or RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/a/barnard.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDhUX2FKbVlUXNTSRBR2Z6NUo5SGc6MQ#gid=0

The Centennial Scholars Program will be undergoing major structural changes starting in the AY 2013-2014. As the program makes the transition to a different form, there will be no additional cohorts among classes currently enrolled; we will not be accepting nominations of current first-year students. We look forward to sharing news of a re-envisioned Centennial Scholars Program in the future.

Submitted by the Directors Dorothy Denburg and Robert Remez.

From Barnard Library & Academic Information Services

Announcements

ARCHIVES
A new online exhibition reconstructs an examination of Barnard’s role in the events of 1968. From Linda LeClair to Low Library: Barnard’s Spring of 1968 is the result of a collaboration between the Barnard College Archives and alumna Rona Wilk ’91.

IMATS

Google Apps
Instructional media technologists and librarians have completed the first round of Google Apps for Education training on Calendar and Mail. Next up are Docs and Sites:

Google Docs: Wednesday, April 4, 10-10:45
Friday, April 6, 12-12:45
Thursday, April 12, 3-3:15

Google Sites: Thursday, April 5, 3-3:15
Wednesday, April 11, 10-10:45
Friday, April 13, 12-12:45

All classes will take place in the BLAIS Lab in the library and will be followed by an optional 30 minute lab.

LIBRARY
Phase two of the BLAIS renovation project is all but complete. The Personal Librarians can now give research consultations in their private offices in suite 208 of Wollman Library in Lehman Hall. Lisa Norberg is back in her old office, but it has a new name: room 207.

ZINES
The Barnard Zine Club, in collaboration with WBAR published the third issue of its Sticks & Stones zine and distributed at a release party and student band showcase. The zine will be cataloged in CLIO presently like previous issues #1: Badass Women and #2: Growing Up.

From Technology Ventures

Columbia Technology Ventures (Tech Ventures) is the technology transfer office of Columbia University and Barnard College. Our mission is to facilitate the transfer of inventions and technologies from the University setting to the marketplace, for the benefit of society on a local, national, and global basis.

Tech Ventures' staff manages the intellectual property needs of Barnard's faculty, staff and students. If you have made a discovery or invention that may have commercial application, need review of a material transfer or confidentiality agreement, want to explore opportunities for industry collaboration, are interested in learning more about starting up a company, or have general questions about intellectual property, entrepreneurship, or technology commercialization, please don't hesitate to contact us. For fastest response, submit your inquiry at techventures@columbia.edu.

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From BCIT

gBear’s New Look
Google has upgraded the appearance of Gmail. Since gBear is Barnard’s implementation of Google Apps for Education, the look of gBear has also changed. For more information on Google’s new look, please visit https://mail.google.com/mail/help/intl/en/newlook.html.

Scan And Send Documents To Students
You may email documents to students directly from Barnard’s Ricoh copiers, which are located in all academic and administrative buildings on campus. The Ricoh copiers are linked to the Barnard Directory, enabling you to search for students by first name, last name, department or email address. For more information, please visit http://barnard.edu/mail-print-services.

Scheduling Office Hours Is Easy With gBear Calendar
gBear, Barnard’s implementation of Google Apps for Education, includes a calendaring feature that enables you to set time slots on your calendar for students to reserve. For instructions on how to use “Appointment slots,” please visit http://www.google.com/support/calendar/bin/answer.py?answer=190998.

How To Contact BCIT For Computing And Network Assistance

- Submit a Service Desk ticket at https://webhelpdesk.barnard.edu
- Send an email to: help@barnard.edu
- Call (212) 854-7172 (or extension 4-7172 from a campus phone)
- Visit BCIT on the first floor of Lehman Hall

For BCIT News & Alerts, please visit http://www.barnard.edu/bcit.

From Communications

Barnard Communications is seeking photography contributions for the new digital displays around campus. Do you have any images from a recent class, research trip or other activity of interest to the Barnard community? Please submit your photographs to photos@barnard.edu.

From the Registrar

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
The course-by-course Barnard and Columbia examination schedules were posted in mid-March.
Reminder about faculty policy regarding the examination schedule:

As the Faculty Handbook states, "Instructors must strictly observe the examination schedule issued by the Office of the Registrar and give examinations only during the hours scheduled for them." Students may change their final examinations only under the following circumstances:

1. Time conflict (two exams at the same time) or hardship (defined as three exams within 24 hours or four within 48 hours). In either case, the student must come to the Registrar’s Office; we will verify the time conflict or hardship and give the student a letter to take to one of her instructors to request rescheduling.

2. Serious illness or genuine emergency. In such a case, the student must call the instructor and the Office of the Dean of Studies, and must take a deferred exam in September. A permanent "X" remains on her record. The Registrar’s Office arranges for the proctoring of all deferred exams.

The dates of the examination period were published in March 2011 and are on the college web site. The University master examination schedule has been available online since January. A student who has a plane ticket for a date earlier than the day of a scheduled exam does not have a legitimate reason to ask for rescheduling of the exam.

This policy was established to protect instructors, who should not have to devise and proctor multiple versions of the same exam, and to ensure equitable treatment of all students. Private arrangements place an unfair burden on instructors and give unfair advantage to some students.

From the Office of Institutional Support

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:
“Why Americans Use Social Media”:

“Using Social Media in Your Research: Experts Explore the Practicalities of Observing Human Behavior Through Facebook and Twitter”:

GRANT TIP OF THE MONTH:
While you should always stay on top of your budget, you should review your budget and expenditures very carefully as you enter the final quarter of your grant year. Ask yourself some important questions:

Have you spent your funds as planned?
Are you expecting to have any funds remaining at the end of the budget period? Why?
Do you have a plan for expending those funds?
Do you know if it is allowable to carry unexpended funds over to the next grant year?
Are you aware of the procedures for requesting to carry funds over to the next year?
If you have not expended your grant funds at the rate you had expected, have you still been carrying out the activities necessary to achieve your project objectives?
This is the time to prepare to speak with the funder about any budget issues you may have. If this is your last year of funding, you should make a plan to spend the last of your project funds before the end of the year. However, be sure that you spend wisely. Spending just for the purpose of exhausting the funds is never a good idea. Think about sustainability and purchases that will help you continue meeting your objectives in the future.

If it is not your final year and it is permissible to carry funds over to the next year, develop a detailed explanation for why you have unexpended funds and a detailed plan for how you would like to spend those funds in the coming years. Always stay focused on your project goals and objectives.

**FACULTY GRANTS:**
Upcoming grant deadlines

**General Interest:**
UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE  
Deadline: October 1, 2012  
Website: [http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/annual-grant-competition](http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/annual-grant-competition)

**Humanities**

WENNER-GREN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT  
Deadline: June 1, 2012  
Website: [http://www.wennergren.org/programs/international-collaborative-research-grants](http://www.wennergren.org/programs/international-collaborative-research-grants)

**Sciences**

WHITEHALL FOUNDATION  
Deadline: Letter of Intent by April 15, 2012 or October 1, 2012  
Website: [http://www.whitehall.org/grants/](http://www.whitehall.org/grants/)

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY  
Deadline: July 15, 2012  

For more new grant opportunities, please visit our [Faculty Grants website](#).

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**From Pre-College Programs**

**LAST CALL:**
Summer Opportunities for High School Students

The Pre-College Programs Office would like to invite you to learn more about Barnard's Pre-College Programs! Our programs are 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. Barnard’s coed pre-college programs are for students who are intellectually prepared for college-level work and will have completed the tenth or eleventh grade by June 2012. Interested students can apply to one of our four programs: Summer in the City (four weeks), the Liberal Arts Intensive (one week), the Young Women's Leadership Institute (one week, women only), or Dance in the City (one week).

**Summer in the City:** Sunday, June 24 - Saturday, July 21, 2012  
**Liberal Arts Intensive:** Sunday, June 24 - Friday, June 29, 2012  
**Young Women’s Leadership Institute:** Sunday, July 8 - Sunday, July 15, 2012  
**Dance in the City:** Sunday, July 8 - Sunday, July 15, 2012

To learn more about Barnard’s pre-college programs 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 encourage 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).

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**Newsbriefs**

**Kate Levin**, Lecturer, English, has published the article ““The Only Beguiled Person?”: Accessing Fantomina in the Feminist Classroom” in *ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830*.

**Lesley Sharp**, Anthropology, delivered three recent talks. On February 22 she spoke in the Department of Anthropology of the University of Iceland, Reykjavik on "Moral Thinking in Experimental Transplant Science"; on March 9 she gave a talk entitled “Hybrid Bodies and Animal Science: Moral Thinking in Xenotransplant Research” at the invitation of The Critical Medical Humanities Lecture Series within the Program on Values, Simpson Humanities Center, University of Washington, Seattle; and on March 14, she delivered a lecture on “The Promises of Interspecies Proximity in Experimental Transplant Science,” co-sponsored by the Science and Justice Working Group and the Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Nelson Moe**, Associate Professor of Italian, gave the keynote address at the annual conference of the California Interdisciplinary Consortium for Italian Studies, held at Pomona and Scripps Colleges on February 9th. The lecture was titled “Naples, City of Stereotypes.” Last fall, on November 16 he presented a paper on Neapolitan culture at the “Delirious Naples” conference held at Hofstra University and sang the Neapolitan song, “Tu vuo’ fa’ l’americanico” by Roberto Carosone. On December 5th, he participated in the round table on “Mafia Movies” held at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute in New York.
Jenna Freedman, Library, edited her last Library Journal zine reviews column, Fat Activism and Body Positivity: Zines for Transforming the Status Quo. The column ran quarterly for four years.


Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012
Carceral Politics in Palestine and Beyond: Gender, Vulnerability, Prison
Panel Discussion with Judith Butler, Angela Davis, Mai Masri, and Lena Meari
1501 IAB, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012
Swedish Poetry Today
A Reading and Panel Discussion with Anna Hallberg, Jörgen Gassilewski, and Johannes Göransson
SULZBERGER PARLOR, BARNARD HALL

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012
U.S. Premiere of Madwomen
A film screening and discussion with María Elena Wood, Maja Horn, and Nara Milanich
HELD AUDITORIUM, 3RD FLOOR BARNARD HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
Power Talks with Helene Gayle
A Lecture with Helene Gayle
BARNARD COLLEGE, SULZBERGER PARLOR, 3RD FLOOR BARNARD HALL

THURSDAY 04/12, FRIDAY 04/13, SATURDAY 04/14
Senior Thesis Festival I
MINOR LATHAM PLAYHOUSE, 118 MILBANK HALL

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012
When a Text is a Song: Translating Kabir Oral Traditions in North India
A lecture by Linda Hess, Stanford University
SULZBERGER PARLOR, BARNARD HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012
Lyn Hejinian & Eleanor Johnson
Women Poets at Barnard Reading
SULZBERGER PARLOR, 3RD FLOOR BARNARD HALL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012
Reflections on Kinship Trouble
A lecture by Judith Butler
JULIUS S. HELD AUDITORIUM, 304 BARNARD HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
Environmental Science Senior Thesis Poster Session
EVENT OVAL, THE DIANA CENTER

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012
Conflicts in Translation: A Tribute to Serge Gavronsky
with Serge Gavronsky, Mary Ann Caws, Lydia Davis, Suzanne Jill Levine, and Richard Sieburth
JAMES ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, BARNARD HALL

SATURDAY, 04/21
Spring Concert
JAMES CHAPEL, UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012
Q2P
A film screening and discussion with Paromita Vohra
MAISON FRANCAISE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
Barnard College Annual Gala 2012

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
Africa in Brazil? Samba, History, and the Allure and Challenge of Diaspora
A lecture by Marc Hertzman
EVENT OVAL, THE DIANA CENTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
Barnard College Annual Gala Nights

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
Mumbai Stories: Music, Migration and Mobile Phones
Film screening and discussion with director Surabhi Sharma
EVENT OVAL, DIANA CENTER

APRIL 26, 2012
Honors Assembly 2012
JAMES ROOM, 4TH FLOOR BARNARD HALL

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 27-28, 2012
Senior Thesis Festival II

FRIDAY, 04/27 7 PM | SATURDAY, 04/28 2 & 7 PM
Barnard Dances at Miller
MILLER THEATER, 2960 BROADWAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012
Doubting Sex: How Bodies Changed and Selves Appeared in Nineteenth Century Hermaphrodite Case Histories
A lecture with Geertje Mak
BCRW, 101 BARNARD HALL

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 4-5, 2012
Pedagogies of Translation
Current Methods and Future Prospects
JAMES ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, BARNARD HALL

For upcoming events and more details see the Barnard website.