From the Provost

Announcements

ELECTION RESULTS
Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees – Christian Rojas
Faculty Budget and Planning Committee (FBPC) - 1 yr replacement – Laura Kay
Grants Committee Div I - 1 yr replacement – Lisa Gordis

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
TOW FAMILY AWARDS FOR INNOVATIVE AND OUTSTANDING PEDAGOGY
The Tow Family Award recognizes an exemplary member of the Barnard Faculty who combines scholarship and pedagogy in creative ways, maximizing the impacts of both. The selection process has two phases: the screening process conducted by the Grants Committee and the final selection process decided by the President and the Provost, in consultation with the Appointments, Tenure and Promotion Committee. One recipient will be recognized each year and will receive a $10,000 research/professional development fund that can be spent over five years to further innovative pedagogies. Awards may be used for travel, conference attendance, course release (at internal rate of $7,500/semester), to development of new pedagogy, or other related activities. Interested fulltime members of the Barnard faculty may nominate themselves or others. For more information visit: http://www.barnard.edu/provost/CallforNominationsTow.pdf
The application and all supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2010.

COACHE SURVEY
During the week of October 25, the pre-tenured faculty received an e-mail invitation to participate in an online survey about their views on Barnard’s institutional policies and practices, and how they assess their job satisfaction. This survey is part of a national research program called COACHE – the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education – based at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The data collected from this survey is invaluable to the College’s understanding of faculty concerns about tenure and promotion policies. A comparison of this year’s and the 2005 survey results will enable the College to understand how changes instituted over the past 10 years have affected the quality of life and work for our faculty. If you have any questions about this survey or are interested in finding out more please contact Angela Haddad at ahaddad@barnard.edu or visit the COACHE frequently asked questions web page at www.coache.org.

Reminders

SPECIAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR LEAVE (SAPL)
Application deadline: Monday, February 15, 2011.
Those intending to apply for 2011-12 should contact Angela Haddad, ahaddad@barnard.edu.
TEXTBOOK INFORMATION
As you may recall, last year, all instructors were asked to help the College comply with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 by entering the textbook information for all of his or her courses into CourseWorks. Since the law establishes that the information must be made available to students every year by pre-registration, or in our language, program planning, we are requesting that all instructors teaching a course in the Spring of 2010 enter the required textbook information into CourseWorks by November 15, 2010.

The directions for using the textbook feature of CourseWorks are as follows:

To indicate that your course has required textbooks
- Click on the course you would like to add textbooks to;
- On the top of the screen, next to edit intro, click on edit textbooks;
- Enter the 10-digit or 13-digit ISBN into the box provided (or answer the prompts if the books for the course do not have ISBNs);
- Click "Get Book Info;"
- Select whether the books are required or recommended to save the textbook information.

To indicate that your course does not have any required textbooks
- Click on the course you would like to add textbooks to;
- On the top of the screen, next to edit intro, click on edit textbooks;
- Check the box next to the item that states, "No textbooks: Check this box if this course does not have any textbooks required or recommended for purchase."
- Click the blue box labeled DONE.

From Barnard College Information Technology (BCIT)

gBEAR EMAIL AND CALENDAR
All faculty, staff and students will be migrated to gBear over winter break. Migrate now to take advantage of the help that the IT Service Desk can offer you. Schedule your migration at your convenience this month and make sure you have your email and calendar set up the way you want.

Go to eBear and select "Migrate to gBear now!"

For more information, check out the gBear FAQ at http://www.barnard.edu/google/faqs.html/.

From Communications

WEBSITE REDESIGN AND REDEVELOPMENT
If you missed the October 29th deadline for submitting your new website content and organization to the Electronic Communications department, you can still send updates to Scott DiPerna (ddiperna@barnard.edu), but please do so as soon as possible. We begin building department websites November 8th.
We are also pleased to announce that we have posted some sample pages for the new website on the project blog (http://barnardwebsite.wordpress.com/). Please take a look at your convenience.

From Educational Technology

FACULTY REFLECTIONS ON TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY
On Tuesday December 14th, BLAIS and Educational Technology are hosting an all-day event for Barnard faculty at which faculty and invited presenters will facilitate discussion and talk about their experiences teaching with technology. Information about this special event is available at www.barnard.edu/library.

TECH TALKS
"Brown Bag" Tech Talks are from 1215-100 in The Diana Center. The upcoming topics are Presentations With Powerpoint and Prezi, Alternatives to Photoshop, and Social Media and Privacy. Information about the talks is available at http://www.barnard.edu/library/instructional_support.php?id=tech_talks

From the Office of Institutional Support

UPDATES:
Our Pre-Award Workshop was a success thanks to Robert Remez (Psychology) and Paige West (Sociology). Click here to see the Powerpoint slides presented at the workshop.

Visit our new resource for finding funding for your research: http://www.library.illinois.edu/iris/

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD:
Please submit your IRB applications at least 6 weeks before your research start date to the IRB (BarnardIRB@Gmail.com).

ITEM OF INTEREST:
New NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide available! (effective for proposals submitted or due on or after January 18, 2011)

GRANT TIP OF THE MONTH:
The numbers in your budget should be specific, since the reviewer will do a lot of work studying your budget. Also, there is no place in the budget for miscellaneous or contingency items. Your planning should allow for contingencies. For example, in many cases, a cost of living increase will happen before your grant begins. In such cases, you should base your salary assumptions on the anticipated increased rate. If you plan to buy equipment, contact the distributor to find out the cost of the equipment when you plan to purchase it. The amount of thought you give to preparing the budget will result in a stronger proposal and increase your chances of receiving the grant.

UPCOMING FACULTY GRANT DEADLINES:

Humanities
Howoritz Foundation for Social Policy
Deadline: January 31, 2011
Sciences
National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences
Division of Social and Economic Sciences, Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program
The Decision, Risk and Management Sciences program supports scientific research directed at increasing
the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and
society.
Deadline: January 18, 2011

For more new grant opportunities, please see Upcoming Grants Deadlines on the Faculty Grants website.

From the Library

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS
Remaining Library Workshops (open to all faculty, staff, and students):

Monday, Nov 8, 12:15pm - 1:15pm: SciFinder Scholar
SciFinder Scholar is a user friendly tool to access references from journals, substance data, chemical
reactions information and patents, from Chemical Abstracts databases.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 4:30pm - 5:30pm: Bloomberg
This session will teach the basic navigation and searching skills necessary to begin using Bloomberg, a
financial and economic database available at the Business Library.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 4:30pm - 5:30pm: EndNote Bibliographic Software
EndNote is bibliographic software that allows you to export and save citations from library catalogs,
databases and websites, store them conveniently, and cite them in papers and bibliographies.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12:15pm - 1:15pm: Library Research: Finding the Best Resources
Find out how to zero in on just the resources you need for your research, using CLIO and library
databases.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 12:15pm - 1:15pm: Mendeley Bibliographic Software
Mendeley is free, open-source bibliographic software that allows you to export, organize, and manage
your references and documents.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 4:30pm - 5:30pm: Citation Styles Refresher
MLA, APA, Chicago, CSE: if you would like to learn more about any or all of these citation styles, come to
this useful hands-on class. All questions welcomed!

RSVP to Lois Coleman.

PERSONAL LIBRARIANS
Remember to refer struggling students to their Personal Librarian. First-Year students have been
assigned to a librarian. Other students should contact the librarian who serves her department (or the
department most closely related to the assignment). Anyone who doesn't have a Personal Librarian can
request one.
From Pre College Programs

**FACULTY POSITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM**

Faculty positions are now open for next summer’s one-week and four-week Pre-College Programs for high school students, which will run from June 26 through July 1, 2011, and June 26 through July 22, 2011, respectively. Faculty members for the Pre-College Program have the opportunity to adapt courses from the undergraduate curriculum or to design seminars specifically for the summer program. In the past years, course offerings have included studies in architecture, theatre, psychology, fiction writing, sociology, economics, international affairs and media studies, among others.

To learn more about teaching in the Pre-College Program and for application guidelines, visit our website at [www.barnard.edu/pcp](http://www.barnard.edu/pcp). If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Kate Matzkin at kmatzkin@barnard.edu or 212.854.8866.

**Deadline:** The deadline for course proposal submissions is **5:00pm, Monday, November 8th 2010.**

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From the Registrar

The detailed Barnard examination schedule will be posted by mid-November. Barnard follows Columbia’s master examination schedule.

**REMEMBER 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 January. 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 June 2010 and are in the online Catalogue and on the online Academic Calendar. The University master examination schedule has been available on the Columbia website since September. 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 Study Abroad

NSEP DAVID L. BOREN SCHOLARSHIP
Please encourage first-years and sophomores who are interested in studying abroad in non-European locales to meet with Gretchen Young to discuss the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship. The scholarship was developed to encourage study by U.S. citizens in regions of the world that are critical to our national interests. Non-romance language acquisition is a primary goal of the program. Applications for study during the 2011-2012 year (fall and/or spring) are due January 20. For more information about the scholarship, please see http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship.

Upcoming Events

Helen Pond McIntyre ’48 Lecture: Intimacies Deferred - Genealogies of Freedom
Thursday, November 4, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

The Arts of Healing: The Work of Quilts in Grief: A Lunchtime Lecture with Lisa Collins
Tuesday, November 9, 12:00pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Beyond the Game: Women, Sports, and Competition
A panel with Jane Geddes, Sarah Hughes, Donna Orender, and Erinn Smart ’01; Moderated by Juliet Macur ’92
Wednesday, November 10, 6:00pm
Event Oval, Diana Center

Roslyn Silver Science ’27 Lecture: Current Cravings, Strange Desires & Frightening Things – The Effect of the Frontal Lobe and Amygdala on Affect and Actions
A Lecture with Elisabeth A. Murray
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Opera Hispanica: Sonetos de Amor y Muerte
Monday, November 15, 8:00pm
The Event Oval, Diana Center

Yvette Christiansë, Ellen McLaughlin, & Meg Wolitzer: A Reading
Wednesday, November 17, 7:00pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Translation as Performance: From Español into English
Thursday, November 18, 6:00pm
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall
The Barnard Project at Dance Theater Workshop
Thursday, December 2, 7:30pm
Saturday, December 4, 7:30pm
Saturday, December 4, 2:00pm
219 West 19th Street

Newsbriebs

Elizabeth Castelli, Professor of Religion, has published "The Philosophers’ Paul in the Frame of the Global: Some Reflections," in Global Christianity, Global Critique, ed. Matthew Engelke and Joel Robbins, a special issue of South Atlantic Quarterly 109.4 (Fall 2010): 653-676.

Achsah Guibbory, Professor of English, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Iona College on October 24, 2010. She presented the keynote address for their honors convocation, on "Journeys and Discoveries: The Life of a Scholar".


John S. Magyar, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, presented a poster, "Overexpression and purification of metalloregulatory proteins from Prochlorococcus marinus and Methanocorpusculum labreanum," at the Gordon Research Conference on Environmental Bioinorganic Chemistry, June 13-18, 2010, in Newport, RI. The poster was co-authored by his Barnard student co-workers Mira Atanassova '08, Alex Athan '08, Salima Bahri '11, Jenna Bass '11, Elizabeth Edwards '10, Brisa Hurlocker '10, Diana Laura '11, Emily Miller '08, Nicole Mizrahi '10, Sara Sasson '11, and Lhamo Tshering '08. Magyar also presented a poster, "Overexpression of a c-type cytochrome from Colwellia psychrerythraea" at the Gordon Research Conference on Electron Donor–Acceptor Interactions, August 8-13, 2010, in Newport, RI.

Krista McGuire, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, presented a talk "Assessing the factors that structure soil fungal communities in tropical rain forests" at the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation in Bali, Indonesia, July 2010; published the paper titled, "Slowed decomposition is biotically mediated in an ectomycorrhizal, tropical rain forest" in the journal Oecologia with coauthors Don Zak, Ivan Edwards, Christopher Blackwood, and Rima Upchurch, October 2010. She was also awarded a Columbia University Earth Institute research assistant grant for the project Assessing the Impact of Palm Oil Cultivation on Soil Microbial Diversity and Function in the Malaysian Tropical Rain Forest in September.

Monica Miller, Associate Professor of English, book Slaves to Fashion, made the short list for the MSA Book Award, October 2010.