Welcome from the Dean

Welcome to the Spring 2015 issue of The Dean’s Desk! It’s been a busy spring semester and we have much good news to share. The College is proud to announce that we have nine 2015-2016 Fulbright Scholars, one Truman Scholar and one Marshall Scholar, as well as two faculty members who have been awarded 2015-2016 Fulbrights. To stay up-to-date on the very latest news and happenings, connect with us on the Web, Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,

Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD
Interim Dean

FACULTY FOCUS

Two CLAS Professors Awarded Fulbrights

Paul Steege, PhD, associate professor, History, was awarded a Fulbright Association Senior Scholar Research Grant for spring 2016. The grant allows Dr. Steege to conduct research in libraries and archives in Berlin. He will be hosted by the Center for Contemporary History Research in Postdam. Susan Mackey-Kallis, PhD, associate professor, Communication, has been selected for a 2015-2016 Fulbright Award to Japan, and will teach on American film at universities in Tokyo for five months beginning in March 2016. More
New Doctoral Program in Theology Announced

Villanova University has announced the launch of a new doctoral program in Theology. The program – which will welcome its first class of students in fall 2016 – will prepare graduates to have a profound impact as college and university professors, leaders and practitioners of ministry, interdisciplinary researchers and innovative theologians. More

Dr. Japaridze Receives Outstanding Faculty Research Award

Villanova University has selected Giorgi Japaridze, PhD, professor of Computing Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as the recipient of its 2015 Outstanding Faculty Research Award for his scholarship in logic and computer science. The award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates the highest standards of excellence in research, scholarship and contributions to their field. More

2015 College of Liberal Sciences Faculty Awards

Veritas Research Award: Dr. Jesse Frey, Math and Statistics
Tolle Lege Teaching Award: Dr. Alice Dailey, English, and Dr. Vikram Iyengar, Biology
Tolle Lege Teaching Award for Adjunct Instructors: Mr. John Groch, Theology and Religious Studies

2015 Villanova University Faculty Awards

CLAS faculty received all of this year's Villanova University major teaching awards at Commencement.

Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Outstanding Teaching: Dr. Christopher Daly, ACS
Junior Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching: Dr. Brianna Remster, Sociology
Faculty Award for Innovative Teaching: Dr. Kaley Carpenter, ACS
Lawrence C. Gallen, OSA, Faculty Service Award: Dr. John Immerwahr, Philosophy
Outstanding Faculty Mentor Teaching Award: Dr. Robert Giuliano, Chemistry

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Nine CLAS Students Win 2015-2016 Fulbright Scholarships

Nine Villanovans, all from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, have been selected to receive 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Grants as a part of The Fulbright Program, a prestigious international education exchange program sponsored by the United States government. More

Nicholas Ader ’15 CLAS Receives Prestigious Marshall Scholarship

Villanova University Presidential Scholar Nicholas Ader ’15 CLAS (Biochemistry), a senior from Clarence Center, N.Y., has been named a 2015 recipient of the Marshall Scholarship, making him the second-ever Villanovan and one of less than 40 college students nationwide selected to win this prestigious honor. The award will support Ader's post-graduate research in
Keith Martinez ’16 CLAS Named Truman Scholar
Keith Martinez ’16 CLAS (Communication) has been awarded a 2015 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. The Truman Scholarship Foundation recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to making a difference through public service. Martinez, from the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, is a Gates Millennium Scholar, as well as a Presidential Scholar. More

Kristen Valosky ’12 CLAS Named 2015 Skadden Fellow
A third year Public Interest Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center, Kristen is among a select group of 28 graduating law students and judicial clerks nationwide chosen as 2015 Skadden Fellows. The prestigious two-year fellowships support young lawyers as they begin their careers in public interest, delivering legal services to underserved populations.

Diane Coffey ’06 CLAS Works to Improve Lives in India
Diane Coffey ’06 CLAS (Sociology, Honors) is an executive director and co-founder of the r.i.c.e., a nonprofit research organization dedicated to understanding and improving the lives of the poor, especially young children in rural India. Her research on maternal nutrition and child health in India was recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and featured in The New York Times. She holds an MPA from Princeton University and will graduate with a PhD in Public Affairs and Demography from Princeton this June.

Literary Festival Features Award Winning Authors
Writer James McBride kicked off the 17th annual Villanova Literary Festival this spring. He is considered a “modern-day Mark Twain” by The New York Times and a National Book Award winner. McBride gave a reading of his novel The Good Lord Bird followed by a reception and book signing. The festival also featured authors Bruce Smith, Claire Kilroy (pictured, Heimbald
Chair), Patricia Smith, and Jay Cantor, several of whom visited classrooms to discuss their work.

![Image of Dr. Langran and colleagues](image)

**Dr. Langran Retires After 56 Years**

Robert Langran, PhD of our Political Science Department (second from right) is pictured with colleagues after teaching his final Villanova class in May. Hired September 1, 1958, Dr. Langran holds the record for professorial longevity at Villanova University. He also coached the men's and women's tennis teams for many years and is a member of Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

- [Villanova University Hosts Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference April 24](#)
- [Political Science Professor Awarded Prestigious Kellogg Fellowship](#)