Welcome from the Dean

Welcome to the Winter 2015 issue of The Dean’s Desk! Over the past few months the College has enjoyed some exciting press coverage, including this recent Philadelphia Inquirer cover story. As we begin the New Year and new semester, I'm pleased to share with you even more great news from the College. To stay up-to-date on the very latest news and happenings, you can connect with us on the Web, Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,
Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD
Interim Dean

FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Cottini Receives Award for Manuscript

Luca Cottini, PhD of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures received the 2014 Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America Foundation Award for Humanities. The award is presented to the best manuscript in the discipline of the Humanities by an Italian scholar who resides in North America. The prize includes publication of his manuscript by The University of Toronto Press. Dr. Cottini's book focuses on the emergence of industrial modernity in Italy at the turn of the 20th century.

Inaugural Tenth Gate Prize Awarded to English Professor

Lisa Sewell, PhD, associate professor of English and co-director of the Gender and Women’s Studies Program, won the first annual Tenth Gate prize for her poetry manuscript, Impossible Object. The work, which is her fourth poetry collection, was selected from over 101 other manuscripts. Dr. Sewell will receive a cash prize and book publication in the spring of 2015.

Jill McCorkel, PhD, Recognized Contribution to Field of Women and Crime

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Lisa Sewell, PhD, has been named the 2014 recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime Distinguished Scholar Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of women and crime by an established scholar.

Dean Lindenmeyr Honored in Japan

Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, interim dean and professor of History, recently traveled to Japan to accept honorary membership in the non-profit organization “Yomei-Maru, the Ark of Humanity.” The non-profit, which funded the trip, commemorates the role played by the ship Yomei Maru in the 1920 repatriation to Petrograd, Russia of 750 Russian children stranded in Siberia by the Civil War. While in Japan, Dean Lindenmeyr participated in a panel discussion at the Foreign Correspondents Club in Tokyo and made a formal visit to the office of Yoshirō Mori, former prime minister of Japan and the current head of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics Committee.

Katherine Deily ‘15

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Nicholas Ader ‘15 Receives Prestigious Marshall Scholarship

Villanova University Presidential Scholar Nicholas Ader ’15 CLAS, 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 molecular biology and neurobiology towards his PhD degree at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. More

Female Computing Science Students take part in Grace Hopper Conference

Twenty-five Villanova women, including 18 Computing Science majors and one Mathematics major and Computing Science minor, attended the 14th annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference in Phoenix, AZ. Grace Hopper Celebration is the world’s largest gathering of women technologists, designed to connect, inspire, and guide women in computing. Conference presenters are leaders in their respective fields, representing industry, academia and government. The Villanova students networked with many companies including Bank of America, Cisco, Facebook, GE, Goldman Sacks, Google, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft, Twitter, and Vanguard.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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CLAS Outstanding Alumni Recognized at Annual Ceremony

On October 23, four alumni were recognized as 2014 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Medallion recipients at a special on-campus celebration. Recipients included Diane Tierney ’83 CLAS (Economics), Raymond M. Tierney III, ’81 CLAS (Political Science), Keith Jones ’07 CLAS (Communication) and Jill A. Marsteller ’80 MA (English). More

CLAS Alum Named Named Interim Director of the U.S. Secret Service

Joseph Clancy ’78 CLAS (Political Science) was named interim director of the United States Secret Service in October. Prior to his appointment, Clancy served as head of security for Comcast Cable and spent 25-years with the Secret Service as part of the protective detail to Presidents Obama, Bush, and Clinton. Clancy was appointed after previous director Julia Pierson resigned.

OTHER NEWS

- Villanova University's Virtual Reality CAVE Opens October 2
- Villanova University's Doctoral Program in Philosophy Celebrates 20th Anniversary
- Villanova University Department of Communication Opens State of the Art Studio and Multimedia Complex