

BARNARD



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From the Provost

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WILLEN SEMINAR: Spring 2010 and/or Academic Year 2010-11

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 spring 2010 semester or the 2010 calendar 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. If a speaker is crucial to the work of the group, proposals may request an additional \$1,000 to support one or more speakers. 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 **December 1, 2009** and will be reviewed by the Committee for Faculty Diversity and Development. Funds permitting, there will be another CFP in spring semester for 2010-11 projects. Proposals can be submitted to Janet Jakobsen, Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development at jjakobsen@barnard.edu.

MELLON SUMMER GRANTS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES Application Deadline: Thursday 1 April 2010

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 flexible 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 or into marginalized or underrepresented 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 but will not normally exceed \$6000 per 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: ptc4@columbia.edu.

From Alumnae Affairs

CONNECT WITH BARNARD ALUMNAE ON YOUR TRAVELS

Is your research calling you to Pittsburgh, Providence, or Paris? Are you giving a lecture in Boston, Baltimore, or Berlin? Barnard alumnae all over the country and the world would love to see you! Contact Alumnae Affairs about setting up a speaking engagement to a Barnard Club anywhere you are going, or publicizing your event to our alumnae. Contact Susannah Goldstein at x4-0572 or sgoldstein@barnard.edu for more information.

From Communications

Incredibly, it's already time to look ahead to the spring (or at least to the spring calendar of events). Many of you who organize public programming have already begun pulling together your lectures, conferences, colloquia, etc. We, in Communications, are excited to see what you have planned & look forward to working with you to promote another semester of excellent academic, artistic & activist events. If your department/program is hosting a public event that you'd like us to consider including, please send David Hopson as much detailed information as possible, including:

- Title of the event along with a description of its scope & purpose;
- The names, titles, and brief bios of all participants;
- The date, time & confirmed location of the event (to reserve event space, please be sure to contact the Office of Special Events);
- Is the event free and open to the public? Is pre-registration required? If there is a fee, how much is it?
- Phone number and/or email address of the person who/department that should be contacted for more information.

The deadline for submitting these materials is **Friday, November 20**. All submitted events will appear in the online College events calendar, but due to space constraints we cannot guarantee that they will appear in the printed calendar. Also please note that we cannot offer space in the printed version of the college calendar for any events listings received after the **November 20th deadline**.

If you have any questions regarding this process, or wish to discuss an event that you or your department is planning in greater detail, please don't hesitate to contact David at 212.854.2947 or dhopson@barnard.edu.

From the Dean of Studies

NSEP DAVID L. BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage first-years and sophomores who are interested in studying abroad 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. For more information about the scholarship, please see http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

In last year's competition, Barnard produced seven Fulbright winners (out of 16 applications), and has been named as one of the top Fulbright-producing schools in the country. (See "[Chronicle](#)" story.) This year, applications are up tremendously--to 27. (See recent story in the [Spectator](#).) As you know, the

Fulbright offers opportunities for research, study, and teaching in a large number of countries around the world. Faculty members who know of promising candidates should not hesitate to be in touch with Dean Schneider.

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY REPORTS

You should have received e-mail messages about the electronic academic monitoring system that, we hope, will enable you to notify us easily about students who are in academic difficulty. It will be available for your use throughout the semester. If you would prefer to use paper copies, we'll gladly send them to you. These reports can make all the difference for a student who is floundering, and we are grateful to those of you who submit them. Please do not automatically assume that a student has dropped your course if she stops attending.

From Educational Technology

This semester's Tech Talk series, which are informal presentations on technology topics organized by Educational Technology for Barnard faculty and staff, features presentations by Educational Technology, Barnard Library, and IT Help Desk. Upcoming topics are: About Podcasting (Wed, Nov 4), Manage Your Email (Wed, Nov 11), and Publish Your Own Web Page (Wed, Nov 18). Tech Talks are 12:30-1:30 pm in Lehman 201. Current information and a registration form (though registration is not required) are available on the [Schedule of Workshops](#) page.

From the Office of Institutional Support



Sharon Cauthen, Manager of Faculty Sponsored Research, passed away on Sunday, October 25th. Sharon had been a valued member of the Development and Alumnae Affairs team since January 2006. Although her tenure here was brief, she made an enormous impact on many of the faculty with whom she worked closely on the grant process. We so appreciate the outpouring of condolences and wonderful memories of Sharon from faculty and staff. We will miss her positive outlook, personal touch, and her great smile. We will always remember her for her warmth, her humor, her tremendous love for children and her passion for classic cinema, jazz and great food.

The memorial service to honor Sharon will be held at St. Paul's Chapel on the Columbia campus on Monday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD:

IRB applications should be submitted to Institutional Support (224 Milbank, shazra@barnard.edu) no later than **Wednesday, November 25th, 2009**. For more information see the [Human Subjects](#) web page.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST & ITEMS OF INTEREST:

[“New Pentagon-NSF Grants Draw Criticism From Social Scientists”](#)

[“Key for Future Investment: Researchers' Response to America's Recovery Act”](#)

[“Federal Spending on Academic Research Rose Slightly in 2008”](#)

UPCOMING FACULTY GRANT DEADLINES:

General Interest

BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Deadline: November 2, 2009

Website: <http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Humanities

FLETCHER PHILANTHROPY

Deadline: November 7th, 2009

Website: <http://www.fletcherphilanthropy.org/>

Sciences

NIH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

Deadline: December 1, 2009

Website: <http://www.lrp.nih.gov/>

For more new grant opportunities, please see [Upcoming Grants Deadlines](#) on the Faculty Grants website.

For more information about our office and what we do, please visit us in Milbank 224 and or our [website](#).

From the Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellyssa Kroski joined the Library as its Information Services Technologist. Ellyssa is currently an adjunct faculty member in the library schools at Pratt Institute, Long Island University and San Jose State (online). She is well-published in the field and speaks regularly at conferences and events across the country. More about Ellyssa under Newsbriefs.

The library invites professors and other staff to share news on their publications so we can tweet them to the [library home page](#). Email [Jenna Freedman](mailto:jenna.freedman@barnard.edu).

The [Zine Collection](#) attracted a riot grrrl researcher from Vassar this month, as well as a prospective student who requested a tour.

From the Registrar

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

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 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 summer 2009 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.

Upcoming Events

Helen Pond McIntyre '48 Lecture - Should Religious Ethics Matter To Feminist Politics? - A lecture with Saba Mahmood

November 5, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

Citizenship, Labor & The Biopolitics Of The Bioeconomy: Recruiting Female Tissue Donors for Stem-Cell Research - A lecture with Catherine Waldby

November 6, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Suzanne Gardinier, Matthea Harvey & Katy Lederer

November 10, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Negotiating "Illegality" In New Immigrant Destinations - with Jacqueline Olvera

November 12, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
101 Barnard Hall

Rights Of Way: A New Politics of Movement in New York City? - A panel discussion with David Smiley, civic leaders, activists, and city planners

November 12, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

The James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

Basques In California: Migration, Family & Gender - A lecture with Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga

November 18, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Barnard Writing Faculty: Mary Gordon '71, Saskia Hamilton and Timea Szell '75

November 19, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Dissident Acts: 3 Plays - Directed by Gary Cherniakhovsky

November 19, 8:00pm – 9:00pm
November 20, 8:00pm – 9:00pm and 9:00pm – 10:00pm
November 21, 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

The Barnard Project At Dance Theater Workshop: Fifth Year Anniversary Concert

December 3, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
219 West 19th Street, New York, NY

Romancing the Text: Renaissance Translation And The Dialogue Of Genres

December 4, 9:00am – 7:00pm
Barnard Hall

The Barnard Project At Dance Theater Workshop: Fifth Year Anniversary Concert

December 3, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
December 4, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
December 5, 2:00pm – 3:30pm and 7:30pm – 9:00pm
219 West 19th Street, New York, NY

A Celebration Of Grace Paley: Speaking Truth To Power

December 11, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

The Annual Candlelight Concert: The Barnard-Columbia Chorus

December 12, 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street

Newsbriefs

James Basker, Professor of English, delivered a plenary lecture on "Samuel Johnson and Slavery" at the Harvard Symposium *Johnson at 300* on August 28, 2009 and presented a paper on "Samuel Johnson, Joseph Knight, and the Abolition of Slavery in Scotland" at the Oxford University *Samuel Johnson Tercentenary Conference* on September 15. He also co-curated an exhibition on "John Brown: The Abolitionist and His Legacy" at the New-York Historical Society, where it will run through March 25, 2010.

Elizabeth Bernstein, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology, was awarded the 2009 Norbert Elias Prize for her book *Temporarily Yours* (University of Chicago Press 2007). The international prize is awarded every other year to a significant first major book in sociology and related areas.

Hilary S. Callahan, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, has joined a working group addressing Costs of Phenotypic Plasticity and Adaptation to Novel Environments and attended the group's first workshop at the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCENT) in Durham, NC, September 9-11, 2009. With colleagues at Fordham and Pennsylvania State she co-organized a symposium at the joint annual meeting of the Botanical and Mycological Societies of America in Snowbird, UT, July 24-29, 2009, entitled *Phylogenetic and functional patterns of host plants and their associated fungi*. At that meeting, she and her Barnard student co-workers Brianna McTeague '09 and Samantha Roberts '10 presented a poster about their research entitled "Among-species diversity in fine root traits: Informing studies in mature forests with a survey of glasshouse collections." In Snowbird she also presented a poster co-authored with Mei-Ho Lee (Columbia MA '09) entitled "Mycorrhizal colonization elicits limited plasticity in functional root traits of maple and oak." Earlier in the summer, she and McTeague gave a talk entitled "Variation in fine root morphology among 23 tree species in two temperate deciduous forests" at the *Biennial Black Rock Forest Highlands Research Symposium*, Cornwall, NY, June 22, 2009.

Elizabeth A. Castelli, Professor of Religion, gave a paper, "Pasolini and Political Theology: The Unmade San Paolo," in the Critical Theory and Biblical Interpretation Section at the *International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature* in Rome, Italy, on July 2, 2009. She gave the keynote address, "Beyond Late Antiquity: Christian Martyrs and their Cultural Afterlives," at the *Passages from Antiquity to the Middle Ages IV: Religion, Society and Participation Conference* held at the University of Tampere, Finland on August 20, 2009. "Slouching toward Copenhagen," her review of Lars von Trier's controversial new film, *Antichrist*, appears in the October 2009 issue of *Artforum* (pp. 81-82) and [online](#).

Pam Cobrin, Senior Lecturer in English and Director of the Writing and Speaking Fellows Program, published *From Winning the Vote to Directing on Broadway: The Emergence of Women on the New York Stage, 1880-1927*. University of Delaware Press, Sept. 2009. She also gave a talk for the American Studies Seminar at the Columbia American Studies Seminar titled "Politics, Aesthetics and First Wave Feminism" in October 2009.

Jenna Freedman, Coordinator of Reference Services and Zine Librarian, Library, appeared on a Library Association of the City University of New York "Library Leadership the Next Generation" conference panel in Fall 2009.

Sandra Goldmark, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in Theatre, designed the set for a new off-Broadway show, "Such Things Only Happen in Books" five NY premiere short plays from Thornton Wilder by Keen Company (directors Carl Forsman and Jonathan Silverstein) at the Clurman Theatre at Theatre Row, October 2009.

Ellyssa Kroski, Information Services Technologist in the Library, has given three talks so far this fall, "Card Sorting from A-Z" and "Open and Libraries" at the North Suburban Library System in Wheeling, IL and "Social Networking for Libraries: Best Practices & Challenges" at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in Bellport, NY. She also published three articles including "Should Your Library Have a Social Media Policy?" in the October issue of *School Library Journal*, and "TextMessage Reference: Is It

Effective?" and "Library Cloud Atlas: A Guide to Cloud Computing and Storage" in her Stacking the Tech column in Library Journal's *Academic Newswire*.

Kristin Mammen, Assistant Professor of Economics, presented her paper "The Long Term Effects of the Divorce Revolution: Health, Wealth, and Labor Supply" at the *Allied Social Sciences Association* annual meeting, in San Francisco, January 2009; at the *Population Association of America* annual meeting in Detroit, April 2009; and at the *Society of Labor Economists* annual meeting in Boston, May 2009. She also presented this paper at a session entitled "Long-Term Effects of Policy Changes," that she organized for the *Eastern Economics Association* annual meeting in New York City, February 2009.

Dina C. Merrer, Associate Professor of Chemistry, gave an invited departmental seminar, "Carbenes Behaving Dynamically: Additions to Strained Bonds," at Mount Holyoke College on September 24, 2009.

Timea Szell, Senior Lecturer in English, published an article, "Teaching Unstable Animal Identities in Medieval Narrative" in *English Language Notes* 47.1, Spring/Summer 2009, 147-157.