Message from the Provost

As you know, after much reflection, I have decided to leave my position as Provost at the end of the academic year. This was an incredibly difficult decision to make, but I feel this will be the right time for me to move on and begin my next chapter.

While the past three years have been full of seemingly insurmountable challenges, there have been many successes as well. The new certificates are debuting this fall, which will highlight some of our most distinctive areas of study and offer increased interdisciplinary opportunities across the curriculum. We have changed policies to allow course buyouts for faculty members who have grant funds available and transitioned several teaching professors to faculty so they can teach overloads. We also created a bold strategic plan that represents the best of a liberal arts education for the 21st century.

I plan to continue this momentum through the coming year by working hard to implement the first phase of the strategic plan, supporting EPC in their evaluation of our curriculum, and searching for eight fantastic tenure-track faculty. I am also excited to be teaching an Anthropology course this fall to provide students with an additional course option and help support our curriculum. I look forward to this opportunity to connect with our student community.

Thank you for your support, and best wishes for a great year.

Sincerely,
Cam Wesson
New Associate Dean

Dan Ardia

Dan Ardia, Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology, has been named the new Associate Dean of the Faculty. Since starting at F&M in 2006, Dan has held a variety of appointments including serving on the Professional Standards Committee and as Chair of Biology, International Studies, and the Biological Foundations of Behavior program, as well as serving on the Academic Affairs Advisory Task Force (AAATF) and as a Faculty Co-Director of the Center for Sustained Engagement with Lancaster (CSEwL). As Associate Dean, his responsibilities will include working with the Committee on Grants, overseeing the fall and spring Research Fairs and various academic departments and programs, and working with with the Office of Sponsored Research to strengthen external grant seeking.

Promotion & Tenure

Congratulations to the following faculty:

Promotion

Jaime Blair, Professor of Biology
Zeshan Ismat, Professor of Geosciences
Jennifer Kibbe, Professor of Government
Nancy Kurland, Professor of Organization Studies
Sofia Ruiz-Alfaro, Professor of Spanish
Jon Stone, Professor of Russian and Russian Studies
Christina Weaver, Professor of Mathematics

Tenure

Erik Anderson, Associate Professor of English
Eve Bratman, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies
Patrick Fleming, Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy
Bridget Guarasci, Associate Professor of Anthropology
Ed Novak, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Ashley Rondini, Associate Professor of Sociology
Nicole Jones Young, Associate Professor of Organizational Behavior
New Department & Program Chairs

- Africana Studies: **Doug Anthony**
- Anthropology: **Scott Smith**
- Art, Art History & Film: **Jeremy Moss**
- Biology: **Peter Fields**
- Classics: **Gretchen Meyers** (fall) and **Alexis Castor** (spring)
- Computer Science: **Ed Novak**
- Earth & Environment: **Bob Walter**
- Economics: **Yeva Nersisyan**
- English: **Peter Jaros**
- Government: **Stephanie McNulty**
- History: **Abby Schrader**
- International Studies: **Zeshan Ismat**
- Language Studies Council: **Beatriz Caamano Alegre** and **Marco DiGiulio**
- Latin American & LatinX Studies: **Sofia Ruiz-Alfaro**
- Physics & Astronomy: **Etienne Gagnon** (fall) and **Amy Lytle** (spring)
- Psychology: **Meredith Bashaw**
- Public Policy: **Patrick Fleming**
- Scientific & Philosophical Studies of Mind (SPM): **Bennett Helm**
- Spanish and Linguistics: **Jessica Cox**
- Theatre & Dance: **Rachel Anderson-Rabern**
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies: **Jaime Blair**

New Visiting Faculty

**Nicole Baran**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology
Nicole received her Ph.D. from Cornell University in psychology with a concentration in behavioral and evolutionary neuroscience. She also holds two bachelor's degrees from the University of Chicago, one in comparative human development and one in economics. Most recently, Nicole has served as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Emory University and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Lucia Parry**, Visiting Instructor, Psychology
Lucia is finishing her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Rochester. She holds an M.A. from Rochester in developmental psychology, an M.Ed. in special education from Wilmington University, and a B.A. in psychology with distinction from Penn State. Lucia has recently served as an adjunct at St. John Fisher College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, the University of Rochester, and Monroe Community College.

House Dons

**Annalisa Crannell**: Bonchek College House
**Lisa Gasbarrone**: Brooks College House
**Rick Kent**: Ware College House
**Jorge Mena-Ali**: Roschel College House
**Dorothy Merritts**: Weis College House
**Library Staff**

**Kristin Oberholtzer** has been named the new EResources & Discovery Specialist for the College Library. A Lancaster city resident, Kristin comes to F&M from the Graduate Programs for Success Division at Milton Hershey School. Her prior experience in higher education includes support roles at Eastern Mennonite University and Lancaster Theological Seminary as well as serving on the adjunct faculty at HACC. She holds an M.A. in teaching English as a second language. Kristin will help to manage and maintain the College Library’s electronic resources, print periodicals, and government documents. She began on August 15.

**Academic Dept. Coordinator**

**Caroline Fresh** has been named as the new Academic Department Coordinator for the Music department. Caroline is a recent graduate from Drexel University's Arts Administration master's program, and she also holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Ithaca College. She has extensive administrative experience with various music organizations, including the Summer Institute for Contemporary Performance Practice at the New England Conservatory and the Ithaca New Music Collective. In addition to her departmental duties, Caroline will also provide administrative support to the Common Hour Committee. She began in July.

**CIFoW Summer Research Program**

Over the summer, fourteen students attended the Creativity, Innovation and Future of Work (CIFoW) summer research program. The program, which focused on health and well-being, began by having the students split into four teams and try various activities including working with robots, designing board games, collecting rainwater using found materials, and interviewing people who used public transportation about their experience. Next, the teams each identified a gap in health and well-being services in Lancaster and created a potential solution. After having their initial idea vetted by LGH's Smart Health Innovation Lab, the teams proceeded to expand on their ideas and solutions. The projects included children's mental health, health literacy, post-partum maternal mental health, and lead poisoning. At the end of the program, the students created presentations and shared their ideas with the F&M community.
Committee on Grants

The Committee on Grants has announced the following application deadlines for Fall 2022:

**September 7, 2022 - COG Application Round 1**
Available funds: Research Grants

**October 19, 2022 - COG Application Round 2**
Available funds: Research Grants, Hackman Faculty Research Awards, Price Faculty Research Fund, Catalyst Fund for Student-Faculty Research

**December 7, 2022 - Summer Scholars 1**
Available funds: Hackman Fund, Decision Science, Decision Theory, and Distributive Justice, Eyler Fund, David Schuyler Urban Studies Fellowship, Humanities & Social Sciences Student Exploration Fund Scholars

Learn more and apply

Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

- **Julia Adams** published a book titled *Musical Humor and Antonín Dvořák’s Comic Operas*.
- **Andy de Wet** has been elected as a Fellow of the Geological Society of America (GSA).
- **Stephen Cooper** coauthored a book called *The Philosophy, Theology, and Rhetoric of Marius Victorinu*.
- **Shari Goldberg** attended an NEH Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty.
- **Dean Hammer** was invited to be the Sir Jeremy Morse distinguished lecturer for the Institute for Greece, Rome, and the Classical Tradition at University of Bristol. He was also invited to give a talk as part of the Lectures for Ukraine series.
- **Giovanna Faleschini Lerner** authored a chapter for the volume "Migrations, citizenship, inclusiveness."

Submit your accomplishment

Faculty and Professional Staff of Academic Affairs:

If you have news you hope to see included in the next edition, please send it to Brittany Grear at bgrear@fandm.edu.