Every summer, some of your fellow scholars (and perhaps even you yourself) take part in various internship opportunities that will further aid them in their studies and attaining their career goals. Bethany Bayles and Kelly Fauth were two of these students that were kind enough to share with us only a glimpse into their summer internship experiences. I hope that you enjoy these brief snippets into what they did this summer, and I hope they inspire you to partake in an internship in your desired work field in the near future!

Bethany Bayles worked with Department of Homeland Security for the second summer in a row. More specifically, she worked for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Office of Information and Technology. She did a lot of work with computers as well as programming and administrative type work. She was able to travel to some pretty interesting places for her job this summer and she met some very high powered people in the government. For example, she traveled to the port of Baltimore to witness how container ships are tagged and searched as they enter the port. She also went to Front Royal to the Canine Training Center and got to spend the day learning how the dogs are trained to detect and find narcotics and other illegal drugs at border crossings. Overall, there are a lot of neat and interesting things she had the chance to experience due to this internship, but the most important thing is that this internship has guaranteed her a job once she graduates from college. As a senior, entering into the working world is one of her biggest concerns. Bethany is already in the process of picking her position now and arranging everything. Because she maintained a high GPA, thanks to the Honors and Scholars Program, she will enter in to the government at a higher level, which means she will start off with a bigger salary. This may not be the exact job that she wants, but the opportunity it has afforded her has been invaluable. It is a place to start and there will always be a chance to go back to graduate school or enter into a different government department.

This summer, Kelly Fauth had an internship with Frederick Mental Health Association. She went in to intern each Thursday and Friday afternoon. Each afternoon, she helped her supervisor with odd jobs such as filing, revising training PowerPoints, and making phone calls. During the evening, she worked in the Visitation Center. The center is a place where kids come to visit their non-custodial parent for one hour. The center provides a safe and comfortable environment for the kids to visit because a lot of them come from tough situations. Kelly observed the visits and took notes. These observation reports were then compiled into court records for each family’s court case. This experience taught her a lot about social work, and she really enjoyed it.

Bethany Bayles completed her PORTfolio externship with the World Affairs Council in Winter Session 2010

Career Services & Kaplan present
Dos and Don’ts of Graduate School Application Workshop
October 6, 2011
11:00—11:50 am
Batten 228
Faculty Spotlight: Susan Larkin

Originally from Boston, Susan Larkin grew up in North Providence, Rhode Island. Larkin returned to Massachusetts to attend Wheaton College, where she earned a BA in English. Larkin was a student athlete majoring in English with a minor in Education while playing second base on the college’s softball team. Her team went to the College World Series in her junior year and was ranked third in the nation.

At Illinois State University, Larkin’s graduate studies were concentrated in Children’s and Adolescent Literature, Women’s Literature, and Composition and Rhetoric. Her dissertation used Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Little House books to bring together children’s literature and autobiography theory. She looked at the Little House books as memoir and women’s texts rather than the children’s fiction or historical fiction they are commonly characterized and studied as.

Larkin joined the faculty at Virginia Wesleyan College four years ago due to her experience as an undergraduate. She went to a small liberal arts college and she knows how definitive the experience was for her. She wanted an opportunity to work closely with and get to know students.

Typically, Larkin starts her work day around 7 am in the gym and ends her day grading and preparing for classes in the late afternoon. She teaches courses in English, Women and Gender Studies, and the First Year Experience programs. She spends time on Fridays when she is not in class on her own scholarly pursuits. Currently, she is working on articles on representations of the body in fairy tales and on pedagogical issues of the women’s studies classroom.

As you might expect of a former scholar-athlete, Larkin enjoys watching sports. Her favorite teams are the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. And, of course, she particularly enjoys watching the Yankees lose. In her leisure time, Larkin enjoys the beach, television, and reading. She is currently reading Ruth Reichl’s Tender at the Bone. Larkin loves to read women’s memoirs. She has many favorite books (One! Hundred! Demons!, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, The Pragidal Daughter, Long May She Reign, etc.) and authors (Chris Crutcher, Adrienne Rich, Anne McCaffrey, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Maeve Binchy, Jacqueline Woodson, David Wiesner, Jon Scieszka, and others).

“There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book.
Books are well written or badly written. That is all.”

~Oscar Wilde

Senior Spotlight: Natalie Belva

Hometown:
Colorado Spring, CO

Majors:
Communications
Recreation & Leisure Studies

What attracted you to VWC:
The small atmosphere of the campus and the lacrosse team.

Best memory from VWC:
I do not have a single best memory. I have had the best three years of my life here so far.

What you do for fun:
I spend a great deal of my time playing lacrosse. I really enjoy traveling and trying new foods as well as working out and hanging out at the beach.

Future plans:
I hope to go into Sports Information or Sports Media. I plan on looking into attending graduate school, obtaining a competitive internship, or a job for once I graduate. Right now I am keeping my options open and will see what works out best.

Favorite course:
Mass Media and American Society. It is a communications course that has “special topics” every time it is offered. The special topic was “Walt Disney’s America”. We looked at the ways in which mass media, Walt Disney’s media specifically, has reflected and affected modern American culture. We also got to spend some time at Walt Disney World! Everyone grows up on Disney, it is such a big part of American culture, and no one could ever complain about going to Walt Disney World for their college course.

Professor who inspired you:
I would have to say two of my professors have really driven me. Dr. Kathy Merlock Jackson and Dr. Terrence Lindvall are wonderful individuals with great knowledge and passion for their field. They have done so much for me to make sure that I do well and have fueled my desire to study Communications. I originally came to school only as a Recreation & Leisure Studies but started to take an interest in Communications early in my freshman year. After taking a class with Dr. Lindvall, I knew that it was the right path for me. I feel lucky to have had them share their incredible experience and intelligence with me over the past few years.

Favorite Quote:
“The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out; the brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. The brick walls are there to stop the people who don’t want it badly enough. They are there to stop the other people.” –Randy Pausch

Advice to H&S underclassmen:
Now is the best time to take any opportunities that are given to you. Do not miss out on anything in college, it is the last chance to do as you please.
Senior Spotlight: Cindy Fillhart

Hometown: Franklin, VA
Major: Interdivisional
What attracted you to VWC: Small personal campus.
Best memory from VWC: Hearing it was time to student teach.
Future plans: Teach and learn the meaning of fun.
Favorite course: All my education courses. They have given me so much insight into my craft. I truly enjoy the learning.
Professor who inspired you: Dr. Easter—She makes science more digestible and she is very down to earth and make everything relatable. I learned a lot from her.
Favorite Quote: “Why do we need to know this?” Teacher - “Because those who don’t get taken advantage of by those who do.”
Advice to H&S underclassmen: NEVER QUIT!

Senior Spotlight: Eddie Generazio

Hometown: Yorktown, VA
Majors: English—Creative Writing & Spanish
What attracted you to VWC: The Landscaping.
Best memory from VWC: The sun and the clouds against the light blue sky across the batten lawn in the late springtime, after finals, 2008.
What you do for fun: I write poetry, play guitar and drums, I work in a record store, travel alot, work out.
Future plans: Graduate School, Internship, or teaching English in Bolivia - whichever works out.
Favorite course: Gavin Pate’s Haunted Self course that exposes you to experimental literature. Horror literature, specifically works on demons and ghosts, implements a more human element. This literature acts as entertainment, exposes philosophy, and educates all at once. It is approachable and exciting, especially with Pate's enthusiasm.
Professor who inspired you: Mavel Velasco - I took her course just to get my language requirements over and done with. However, I ended up looking beyond our small campus to the larger world. I became a Spanish major, spending a semester in Mexico, and traveling all around. I owe my fearlessness to her. She shows Latin America as more than just the horrible headlines of murder and drug cartel, but for the people and the culture. She is an advocate for humanity and I am now a citizen of the world simply because of her passion for teaching.
Favorite Quote: “They danced down the streets like dingledodies, and I shambled after as I've been doing all my life after people who interest me, because the only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes 'Awww!'”
Advice to H&S underclassmen: Do not let the people close to you define who you are. Separate yourself from your family and friends, you are your own person - spend college defining yourself as an individual, you have no other time in life to be so detached from your roots.

Senior Spotlight: Olivia Phillips

Hometown: Chesapeake, VA
Majors: Communications & Journalism
What attracted you to VWC: Small personable classroom atmosphere
Best memory from VWC: Trips taken in both Winter Session courses and newspaper conventions.
What you do for fun: Spend time riding my two horses and competing in equestrian speed events.
Future plans: Work in the communications field hopefully in web design or writing.
Favorite course: American Film, because you learn so much about a culture through its film.
Professor who inspired you: No single professor has inspired me, but rather a collection of professors who have taught me what I can do and how to turn that into success.
Favorite Quote: “Risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love ... live. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave; he has forfeited his freedom.” -Wiley Petersen
Advice to H&S underclassmen: Go to class and try to enjoy the time you do have here on campus, it's your last chance before the real world.
President’s Message

Scholars,

I trust that you all had a fun and safe summer, albeit perhaps a bit shorter than you would have liked. I know you all are excited to be back at school with your fellow classmates and friends as I am. On top of the already numerous challenges you will face this semester, I will give you yet another: try something this semester you have never thought you would. Makes some time to experience something new. Explore the innermost parts of yourself that you are most uncomfortable about. Be spontaneous and enjoy college. Of course you know the primary reason you are here, but do not become so burdened by academia that you forget to experience this beautiful time in your life. Enjoy some of the last years (and potentially even your last year now) and have some fun.

Good luck to you all in your classes and extracurricular activities this year. I know this year is going to be a great one for Virginia Wesleyan, so let us, as members of Honors and Scholars, help to make it even better.

Adam Tobey ’11

Mark Your Calendars:  Fall 2011 Honors & Scholars Co-curricular Events

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Faculty Spotlight: Alison Marganski

Having been born, grown up, attended college and completed graduate school in New Jersey, you might say that Alison Marganski is a Jersey girl. After earning a B.S. in Criminology and Justice Studies from The College of New Jersey, she earned both a Masters degree and PhD in Criminology from Rutgers. Marganski joined the faculty at VWC last year after completing her dissertation on the role of adult attachment in interpersonal relationships and how they influenced the relationship between early experiences of physical family violence victimization and adult physically violent behavior. Marganski’s taught courses in Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers University and Sociology at William Patterson University. While in NJ, she also worked as a research assistant/consultant for the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing and as a researcher in a prison experience project that examined violent experiences and violence exposure among the incarcerated population. Her current research focuses on violence within families and relationships, but she is also interested in violence exposure to it in schools, communities, and correctional facilities. She is drawn to studying the causes and consequences of violence, and seeking to understand potential protective factors that may reduce negative outcomes for those who have experienced or been exposed to it.

Dr. Alison Marganski, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Marganski joined the faculty at VWC primarily because of the strong sense of community and collective efficacy that she observed here. She was particularly encouraged by the positive and supportive atmosphere that the college and her department presented. VWC has given her the opportunity to teach “beyond the books” and work with students in an applied way. She likes teaching students about the importance of research and showing them ways that research can be turned into practice so that they too can turn their own research into practice. She is looking forward to working with and learning from our students and is excited about creating new courses like Family Violence and Extreme Murder, as well as putting her stamp on existing courses.

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”
~Oscar Wilde

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