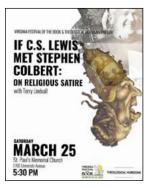
## PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS & PANELS

Joyce Easter presented a conversation session titled "Invigorating the Laboratory Curriculum with Process Skill Development" at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy sponsored by the Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research (CIDER) at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

Kim Fahle presented a paper titled "The Body Behind the Screen: The Need for More Research on Gender and Online Writing Instruction" as part of a panel on the state of research on online writing instruction at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Portland, OR.



Terry Lindvall presented "If C. S. Lewis Met Stephen Colbert: On Religious Satire" at the *Virginia Festival of the Book* in Charlottesville, VA March 25 from his publication, *God Mocks*.

Alain Gabon presented a paper titled "Evaluating the Jihadist Terrorist Threat" as part of an Islamic Studies

panel discussion at the American Academy of Religion - Western Region in Rosemad, CA.

Stephen Hock presented a paper titled "That's Your Uncle? He's White!' 'Yeah, a Long Time': Negotiating Whiteness in Creed" as part of a panel titled "The Streets of Philadelphia: From Rocky to Creed," at the Northeast Modern Language Association Convention in Baltimore.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Students in "Animals and Society" taught by Kathy Stolley toured the LEED certified Virginia Beach Animal Care and Adoption Center, where they met with staff and volunteers, performed service activities, and assisted with dog photo shoots to encourage adoption. (One of the dogs they worked with was adopted the next day!) The annual visit is organized and led by shelter volunteer Kathy Bartkus.

## IN PRINT

Antje Schwennicke published a symposium contribution in the March issue of *Perspectives on Politics*, titled "A Discussion of Christopher H. Achen and Larry M. Bartels' Democracy for Realists: Why Elections Do Not Produce Responsive Governmentâ."

Maynard Schaus contributed to a data paper published in *Ecology* entitled "A global database of nitrogen and phosphorus excretion rates of aquatic animals". He was one of 74 authors contributing measurements, and he provided 8.5% of the data (900 measurements out of the 10.534 published) used in this database.

Based on research for a forthcoming book, Mort Gamble (Senior vice president of VWC) and Maureen Brunsdale co-authored the article "Little Caesar: The Secret Life and High-Flying Times of Art Concello" which appears in the current issue of *Bandwagon* magazine, the journal of the Circus Historical Society. For more information go to: www.circushistory.org.

## **OTHER**

Kathy Merlock Jackson was interviewed as part of Stonehill College's Think. Act. Lead. *Disney Skype Lecture Series*.

**Sophie Rondeau** was selected to join the **Lyrasis Leaders Circle** as a Scholarship Representative until December 2017. One of the tasks the Leaders Circle is charged with involves peer review of submissions for the Catalyst Fund - a \$100,000 award program to fund new ideas and projects by LYRASIS members.

**Sue Erickson** was co-director of learning experiences about **Open Access** (OA) during week 7 of the 15-week cMOOC **OpenLearning17** a project of Virginia's AAC&U Faculty Collaboratives Steering Committee. Participants annotated Peter Suber's **Open Access** textbook and participated in a **Google Hangout** on OA and in a **Virtually Connecting** session with South Africa OEGlobal attendees.



As part of the Model NATO Challenge program, VWC welcomed a group of local high school students March 8 in preparation of the event.

Stephen Leist hosted the student ambassadors and their mentors. The journalism group interviewed Provost Tim O'Rourke and worked to craft their material into a feature story. Lisa Lyon Payne and four members of the Society for Collegiate Journalists worked with Press Corps participants.

