Faculty and Staff Accomplishments at Virginia Wesleyan College

PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS & PANELS

William Pruitt presented a paper "Testing the collective action theory of genocide" and chaired a panel on "Deliberating death: Inside the capital jury box" at the American Society of Criminology conference in New Orleans.

Audrey Malagon and Lydia Kennedy were selected to give talks on joint work with Kristin Burney developing modeling scenarios for differential equations at the national Mathematical Association of America (MAA) conference. Kennedy presented "Real time modeling illuminates mixing problems" in the MAA session on differential equations and Malagon presented "Don't Drink the Kool Aid" in an inquiry based learning session.



As chair of the Mathematical Association of America's Committee on Early Career Mathematicians, **Audrey Malagon** attended the national MAA conference and organized a networking event for early career and senior mathematicians. Malagon has been heading the development of the MAA mentoring network for the past several years.

Sue Erickson was a panelist at the Virginia Tidewater Consortium libraries' staff development workshop on **"Leadership: Life, Art & Necessity"** at Swem Library, College of William & Mary.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Takeyra Collins' students (52 students and 7 student managers) in winter session 2017 INST/PORT 124 partnered with three different emergency homeless shelters in the surrounding cities: Courthouse Community United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, Calvary Baptist Church in Portsmouth and Freemason Baptist Church in Norfolk as well as volunteering at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center and Foodbank to feed the hungry.

Denise Wilkinson's Math 104 winter session students prepared and led activities related to math at the GAP Academic Preschool and After School

program at the Heritage United Methodist church. The afternoon also included helping the K-5 grade students with homework.

Students in Lisa Lyon Payne's fall COM 328 Public Relations course worked in small groups to devise a research-based public relations action plan for the Career Development and Internship Program (CDIP), housed in the Lighthouse. The campaigns produced a series of strategies, key messages and tactics to educate the campus community about the center's existence. At the end of the term, each team pitched their plan to CDIP Director Mollie Robertson and other Lighthouse staff.

IN PRINT

Vic Townsend and **Maynard Schaus** along with six VWC students published the following articles:

Victor Townsend, Maynard Schaus, T. Zvonareva, J.J. Illinik, and J.T. Evans published "Leg Injuries and Wound Repair in Three Species of Neotropical Cosmetid Harvestmen (Arachnida, Opiliones, Laniatores)" in the Journal of Morphology.

T. Zvonareva, Victor Townsend, Maynard Schaus, N.J. Schaus, S.Locke, A.N. Borgard, and C.L. Richardson published "Aspects of the Natural History of the Arboreal Harvestman Cynorta marginalis (Opiliones: Cosmetidae) Inhabiting a Costa Rican Forest" in the *Journal of Insect Behavior*.

Lisa Lyon Payne published "Cultivating Honest Hearts and Knowing Heads: An Experiential Learning Project to Increase Campus Wide Levels of Trust and Responsibility Through a Student-Led Campaign" in the Winter 2017 issue of *Teaching Journalism & Mass Communication*. This article documents an innovative teaching opportunity aimed at strengthening the climate of academic honesty, made possible through an INTEL grant.

Bill McConnell's article entitled, **"Constructing Arguments** with 3D Printed Models" was published in the January issue of *Science & Children*.





OTHER

Mandy Reinig was elected to the board of Norfolk Sister Cities.

Antje Schwennicke worked with the VWC and NATO-ACT partnership, which allowed six of our students to participate in the NATO Chiefs of Transformation Conference in Norfolk in December. Bayli Foley, Storie Cook, Brendan Kelleher, Bella Blackney, Christian Spivey, and Sarah Pybus-Elmore *(pictured with Lieutenant Commander Dave Jones)* attended panels, interviewed high-ranking NATO officials, and wrote news stories for NATO publications.



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