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MORE AWARDS FOR SKALD '15

The American Scholastic Press Association has awarded the 2015 edition of SKALD First Place with Special Merit status with perfect scores in Presentation and Creativity. In addition, Villa photography major Caryn Barber received an award as Outstanding Photographer.

The judge in his critique noted the magazine “shows the superior efforts of talented and creative editors, writers, artists, photographers, layout / graphic designers, staff members and advisor.”

Furthermore, “*Skald* is an amazing publication! Not only have you mastered the basic elements of a good magazine, but you have also published excellent works from your school population. *Skald* is a model for those up-and-coming magazines and an inspiration for those magazines that haven’t quite *aced* the necessary skills.”

Regarding Caryn Barber’s photos he “loved the beauty of the woman with the flower on page 32 vs. the woman on page 22.”

SPRING 2016 LIBERAL ARTS DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Joyce Kessel, Chair -- Composition 1, Composition 2, Intro to Creative Writing

Dr. Timothy Allan – Composition 1

Todd Baker -- Astronomy, College Algebra, Probability and Statistics

Elizabeth Battaglia – Composition 2, Contemporary Superheroes (w/ Adam Weekley), British Literature, Liberal Arts Capstone

Debbie Bond – Intro to College Math, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry

Cameron Bosinski – Anatomy and Physiology

Dr. Daniel Colleran – Composition 2, Ethics

Dr. Jean Doerr – General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Core 101

Kyle Fetter – Composition 2

Erica Goddard – Cognitive Psychology

Aaron David Harris – Composition 2

Dr. Ryan Hartnett – Philosophy of Person

Joy Higgins – American Sign Language 2

Stacey Kartub – Composition 2

Dr. Jeffrey Kohler – History of U.S. 2

Dr. Will Meyer – World Civilizations 2, Sociology of the Family, Social Psychology

Dr. Donald Monnin – Religious Thought and Practice, Ethics,
Intro to New Testament

Joan Mullin -- Religious Thought and Practice

Thomas Ohmneiss – General Biology

Roman Pikas – General Chemistry, General Physics

Dr. Ann Rivera – Composition 2, Literary Criticism, Intro to
Literature

ALL LEADERS for Composition 1: Kerrykate Abel and Alissa
Kowalski, for Math Jonathan Szarfarski and Stephanie
Schelble

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FACULTY:

BUSINESS: Mollie Ward-Crescente, Michael Caputi, Derrick
Parson, Susan Thomas

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT: James Kelley, Dr. Kim
Kotz, Jill Graney, Jodi Nosbsich, Jessica Wiatrowski

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: Paula Velarde, Jennifer Molea



“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The

whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

Jiddu Krishnamurti



from Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha*



CULTURAL and LITERARY NOTES:

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

- Fiction and Playwriting Instructor Gary Earl Ross' story "Good Neighbors", set in Allentown, is included in the anthology *Buffalo Noir* (Akashic Books, 2015) alongside stories by such local and expat authors as Joyce Carol Oates, Tom Fontana, Connie Porter and Lawrence Block. As editor Ed Park says in his introduction, "This book is full of shadows and secrets – and everywhere around it seems to fall the snow that Buffalonians aren't just used to but are defined by: beautiful, elemental, sometimes deadly."

Buffalo Spree reviewer Donna Hoke notes that "the book is a quick read, and if a story itself doesn't satisfy, there's still something about recognizing its locale that does. And of

course, a few pages later, a new story begins, one that will make you a little more curious.”

- Ghost City Press has published Fall Composition Instructor Justin Karcher’s *Tailgating at the Gates of Hell and other poems* and Donna Hoke sees it as “a perfect companion to *Buffalo Noir...* that could easily be subtitled *Buffalo Bleak.*” She describes Karcher’s writing as “personal, dark and hypnotic narrative that runs on and runs rampant” and best seen live.

Both books are available at Talking Leaves bookstores.

- Creative Writing Professor Joyce Kessel has two poems published at naturewriting.com (01.07.16 and 01.09.16) and one at Baseballbard.com (listed by author).



- Music major Alex Braun has sent out information about a 10 song album called *Emotion In Motion* recently released by his instrumental rock band Dream Spectrum. Check out the Music video link: <https://youtu.be/d7R1nl0tilw> and the Band website link: Dreamspectrumband.com



**FEBRUARY 2nd: Wisdom from the
Movie Groundhog Day [Huffpost Entertainment, 2014]**

“Punxsutawney Phil Sowerby is set to determine the fate of our weather for the next few months today, which has left us with bated breath anticipating our summer wardrobe. No

matter what Phil says from year to year, however, we know one thing: We're having a better day than Bill Murray did in the 1993 comedy *"Groundhog Day"*: *"You want a prediction about the weather, you're asking the wrong Phil. I'll give you a winter prediction: It's gonna be cold, it's gonna be gray, and it's gonna last you for the rest of your life."*

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CORE VALUE: JUSTICE & PEACE



“It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. ”

Robert F. Kennedy