Faculty Book Groups

FALL 2019

Dr. Patrick Duffey
Tell Me How it Ends: An Essay in 40 Questions and *Lost Children Archive*
by Valeria Luiselli

Dr. Jessica Healy and Dr. Jeremy Posadas
Creating an Ecological Society: Toward a Revolutionary Transformation
by Fred Magdoff and Chris Williams

Dr. Terry Hoops
The Broken Ladder: How Inequality Affects the Way We Think, Live, and Die
by Keith Payne

Dr. Mindy Landeck
The True History of Tea
by Erling Hoh and Victor H. Mair

Dr. Catie Patterson
Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning
by James M. Lang

Dr. Andra Petrean
The Value of Everything: Making and Taking in the Global Economy
by Mariana Mazzucato

Dr. David Aiello and Dr. John Richardson
Lab Dynamics: Management and Leadership Skills for Scientists
by Carl M. Cohen and Suzanne L. Cohen
(sponsored by STEM Leadership Program)

Dr. Lisha Daniels Storey
Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities
by John Warner

SPRING 2020

Dr. Truett Cates
Why Only Us: Language and Evolution
by Robert C. Berwick and Noam Chomsky

Dr. Jeffrey Fontana
Superwomen: Gender, Power, and Representation
by Carolyn Cocca

Dr. Henry Gorman
How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence
by Michael Pollan

Dr. Jim Hebda
A Mind For Numbers: How to Excel at Math and Science (Even If You Flunked Algebra)
by Barbara Oakley

Dr. Karla McCain
iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy—and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood—and What That Means for the Rest of Us
by Jean M. Twenge

Dr. Daniel Nuckols
Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World
by David J. Epstein

Descriptions of reading groups can be found on the Johnson Center website: ***www.austincollege.edu/johnsoncenter***

Mission Statement

The Robert & Joyce Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching advances the mission of Austin College by fostering lively intellectual dialogue within and across academic disciplines. Nourishing a collegiate environment of passionate inquiry and free expression, the Johnson Center supports faculty initiatives, both intramural and extramural, that explore questions fundamental to the continued vitality of the liberal arts tradition at Austin College. As means to these ends, alongside broader campus-wide programming, the Johnson Center facilitates:

- Colloquia exploring questions vital to the liberal arts
- Interdisciplinary reading groups
- Faculty participation in regional, national, and international liberal arts conferences
- Activities in support of the scholarship of teaching and learning
- Informal gatherings devoted to intellectual inquiry and exchange
- Career development workshops related to the liberal arts for faculty at early, mid, and late career stages
- Faculty development programs to complement activities supported by the Cullen and Richardson endowments

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Faculty Research and Pedagogy Talks

Professors talk about their research and teaching.

Dr. Martinella Dryburgh, *"The Toxic Triangle: Using Podcasts to Avoid Destructive Leadership"*
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Dr. Terry Hoops and Dr. Julie Hempel, *"Pedagogical Collaboration: Experiential Learning at the Querétaro Anthropology Field School"*
Thursday, November 14, 2019

Dr. Ashley Tharayil, *"Classroom Simulations: What Worked and What Didn't"*
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Dr. Andra Petrean, *"Teaching Robotics: An Opportunity to Inspire and Connect to Students Across Campus"*
Thursday, March 19, 2020

All held in WCC 231, with carry-your-tray lunch starting at 11 a.m. Presentations begin at 11:30 and will be followed by question-and-answer sessions.

Sabbatical Series

Faculty members discuss sabbatical research.

Dr. Hunt Tooley, *"From Mametz Wood to 100 Aker Wood: Trenches, Trauma, and the Great War Legacy of Children's Literature"*
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Mabee Hall, Wright Campus Center

Dr. Jessica Healy, *"Have Squirrels, Will Travel: Adventures in International Hibernation Research"*
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Mabee Hall, Wright Campus Center

Mr. Mark Monroe, *"Industrial Debitage"*
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Dennis Gallery, Forster Art Studio Complex

Dr. Keith Kisselle, *"Threats to the Canadian Boreal Forest: My Sabbatical with the Natural Resources Defense Council"*
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Mabee Hall, Wright Campus Center

All lectures are 5 to 6 p.m., preceded by a 4:30 p.m. reception. Free and open to the public.

A.J. Carlson Lecture on the Liberal Arts

Dr. Oscar C. Page
President Emeritus of Austin College
"The Changing Nature of the Liberal Arts: The Impact on the Traditional Liberal Arts College"
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Reception: 4 p.m., Lecture: 5 p.m.
Mabee Hall, Wright Campus Center
Free and open to the public

Jack Carlson arrived at Austin College as a scholar of early modern European history and grew professionally under the influence of President John D. Moseley to become not only the Dean of Humanities but also one of the College's leading voices in support of liberal arts education. Jack's courageous defense of liberal arts education never weakened despite the many financial pressures confronting the College; on the contrary, the consistency of his voice remained a major influence at the College throughout his long and productive career.

Faculty Lunches

*The faculty may have lunch in the Moseley Room on **Tuesdays**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., courtesy of the Johnson Center. Sign in at the cashier's table in the Dining Hall.*

*On **Thursdays**, we have lunch and scheduled discussions led by colleagues on specific topics in Wright Campus Center, Room 231. Topics may include evidence-based approaches to teaching and learning, diversity and inclusion, updates on faculty-driven initiatives, and other professional development issues in liberal arts and higher education.*

On the first Thursday of every month, separate lunch discussions are held for new faculty, faculty in their third to fifth years, and post-tenure faculty.

Thursday lunches begin at 11 a.m., and discussion starts at 11:30 a.m. Sign in at the cashier's table in the Dining Hall.

Other Johnson Center Events

New Faculty Orientation, August 19-21, 2019
New faculty workshops on the culture of teaching and learning at Austin College.

Alumni College, October 24-25, 2019
Alumni visit faculty classrooms during Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Staff Open Classroom, February 24-28, 2020
Faculty open their classrooms to Austin College staff members.

Faculty Learning Communities, as announced
Faculty study a topic related to teaching, research, or professional development and receive funding for supplies and refreshments. Past FLC topics include "Difficult Dialogues" and "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning." Contact the director of the Johnson Center if you would like to propose a topic.

Teaching and Pedagogy Workshops, as announced
The Johnson Center has sponsored teaching workshops on "Course Design and Reflection in the Liberal Arts" and "Contemplative Practices in Higher Education." Please check the Johnson Center webpage for upcoming workshops.

Peer Class Visits
Faculty pairs visit each others' classes throughout the semester for feedback and inspiration. Contact the Johnson Center director if you would like to participate.

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