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Access to QuadJobs for Babysitting and More

After some discussion in the February faculty meeting, we wanted to share some resources that are available, courtesy of the Career and Post-Graduate Development Office, for faculty and staff to hire students to babysit, watch their pets, or any other odd jobs. Find students for these opportunities as well as other flexible part-time needs by posting in [QuadJobs](#). All students who are seeking to earn money through babysitting and other similar jobs are directed to look for opportunities in QuadJobs. You can create an account and post opportunities at no cost, using the code "ursinusfaculty." If you have questions or need assistance, you can reach out to the CPD office (career@ursinus.edu).

American Heart Association Research Award

The American Heart Association (AHA) has awarded Stephen Kolwicz, Assistant Professor of Health and Exercise Physiology, the 2020 AHA Institutional Research Enhancement Award (AIREA). The two-year award will provide \$154,000 to the Heart and Muscle Metabolism (HaMM) lab to study the effects of the ketogenic diet and the role of ketone body metabolism in the heart. The proposed studies will hopefully provide valuable insight into the role of the ketone body metabolism in cardiac function and provide necessary information on the long-term consequences of consuming a ketogenic diet. Find the full story [here](#).

Baccalaureate and Commencement Speakers

For Ursinus College's 147th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16, 2020, Min Jin Lee will address the class of 2020. Lee is an acclaimed novelist known for her deeply impactful portrayals of immigration, prejudice, and self-discovery. She has earned recognition as one of Adweek's "10 writers and Editors Who Are Changing the National Conversation." Additionally, Colman Domingo, American actor, playwright, television, and stage director, will speak at our Baccalaureate ceremony. The event features songs and readings that represent the many faith traditions of our student body. Honorary degrees will be conferred on both speakers at Commencement.

Celebration of Faculty and Student Scholarship, Creativity, and Achievement

As we prepare for the April 30th celebration, please be sure to send us your copies of your scholarship and creative work including both print and online publications.

COACHE

The Harvard COACHE faculty satisfaction survey has been sent out to faculty. We know many of you have already filled out the survey and we appreciate you taking the time to do so. For those who have not yet had the chance to fill out the survey this is a reminder that it will be open through Spring Break. You can learn more about COACHE [here](#).

Faculty Commencement Awards

Our office will soon be soliciting nominations for three faculty awards presented to faculty at commencement. The H. Lloyd Jones Jr. Award is selected from student nominations and presented to a faculty member for distinguished advising and mentoring. The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, also selected from student nominations, is presented in recognition of outstanding teaching in stimulating and guiding the intellectual development of students at Ursinus College. Peer nominated and selected by past recipients, the Laughlin Professional Achievement Award is presented to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to scholarship.

Faculty Development Opportunities

As a reminder, the faculty development committee offers a number of internal funding sources that support faculty scholarship, teaching, and professional development. [Small Research Grants](#) defray a portion of specific costs relating to research; eligible costs include travel to research libraries or facilities, instrumentation, computer software, lab supplies, and other direct expenses. The [Student Research Assistantships in the Humanities](#) fund students in the humanities division who assist a faculty member in their scholarship, providing an opportunity for students to share in scholarly work of professors. The application deadline for these opportunities is April 1, 2020. There is an additional application deadline for Small Research Grants on June 1, 2020. For more information, please visit our [webpage](#).

Honors Projects

Honors registration forms were due to our office in December. To verify that your student(s) submitted a registration form, please check the list found [here](#). Additionally, please let the Dean's Office know if your student plans to pursue Distinguished Honors.

New Students in the Dean's Office

This year's commencement will leave us saying goodbye to our two trusted, experienced student associates, Kiley Addis and Samantha Harvey. This month we welcomed two new students who are training to take their place. Next time you are in Corson, stop by and introduce yourself to freshman Alyssa Martin and sophomore Julia Arnowitz. Alyssa is on the women's Basketball team and comes to us from Souderton, PA. Julia is originally from Connecticut and declared her major in Psychology. Both have skills, experience, and a willingness to learn that make them a great fit for this position, and we look forward to working with them.

PhillyX

The [Fall 2020 PhillyX program](#) is accepting student applications through Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. Students can spend the fall semester living, interning, and studying in Philadelphia. Four Ursinus faculty [will offer courses in Philadelphia](#): Profs. Holly Hubbs and Karen Clemente ("The Philadelphia Intellectual Experience"), Prof. Lori Daggar ("Philadelphia Story"), and Prof. Matt Kozusko ("Shakespeare in the City"). Please send interested students to Kelly Sorensen.

Speakers On Reflective Practice And E-Portfolios

On Friday, February 21, Karin Trail-Johnson, Associate Dean of Civic Engagement, and Tina Kruse, Assistant Professor of Educational Studies, both of Macalester College, will hold several discussions of reflective practice, including e-portfolios, and the way it can support Ursinus students. At 9:30-10:30 a.m, they will meet with first-year advisors (Faculty/Staff Dining Room), and from 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m, they will hold a workshop for faculty to develop techniques in reflective practice (Pfeiffer Wing; rsvp required). Notes will be taken and shared after the workshops. Supported by the Harold C. Smith Foundation and NetVUE.

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