

Faculty Meeting Announcements – November 20, 2019

- **Fact or Fiction: Course Cluster Open House**
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11:00am, Ames Library --- If you haven't been to this event, we highly encourage your participation. Last year's Open House featured 70+ student poster sessions about their class-based research around the theme. Please come and support our students and colleagues as we explore *Fact or Fiction*. Questions? Contact Chris Sweet.
- **Fact or Fiction: Call for Spring events:** If you are hosting a Spring event that fits well with the theme, *Fact or Fiction*, please send your event details (Title, time, date, location) to Karla Carney-Hall, dstudent@iwu.edu. Questions? Contact Karla Carney-Hall.
- **Annual themes: Call for 2021-22 theme**
Our intellectual theme for 2020-2021 is *Health, Healing and Humanity* and we are beginning the selection process for the 2021-22 theme. Please submit theme ideas to the Dean of Students office (dstudent@iwu.edu) for consideration. Each theme needs a sponsor and a draft narrative that describes the potential direction for the theme (no more than one page). Deadline is December 18. Questions? Contact Karla Carney-Hall.
- **Wanted: Videos of Oral Presentations for Assessment**
Do you assign oral presentations as a part of your teaching? If so, might you be willing to share video recordings of some of those presentations with the Writing Program?
This year, the Writing Program will assess IWU student oral presentations as a part of its assessment activities. To do so, the Program needs numerous, diverse samples.
The process for sharing videos is simple: just submit (or have students submit) video recordings of their presentations to this Google Drive folder:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X8wOlcUgBnzCBO6PEhGa1cljOEjOLkUR?usp=sharing>
If you have any questions, or helpful ideas about how to make and share video recordings, please contact Writing Program Director Mike Theune (mtheune@iwu.edu). Thank you for considering this request!
- **The Center for Human Rights and Social Justice will be sponsoring its 8th Annual Undergraduate Research Workshop from February 14-16th, 2020.** Over a two-day period, undergraduate students from Illinois Wesleyan and around the country share their human rights related research in progress with one another and IWU faculty and staff. The workshop is designed to be informal and is especially suited to students who are in the process of completing independent and/or honors research, or have a lengthy course assignment that they wish to further expand upon. We are not looking for participants to have produced a finished product. It therefore mimics to a degree, a graduate seminar experience: the setting is informal, the interactions are substantive, and its relatively small size produces an affirming support system for all participants. In the past, students from Beloit, Grinnell, Vassar, Kalamazoo, Albion, Southwestern, Luther, Haverford, and Spellman Colleges have also participated.

This year's workshop theme is titled: "Facts and Fictions: Human Rights and the Search for Truths," as it reiterates the annual campus theme the IWU community is committed to exploring during the

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2019-2020 academic year. Our due date for the submission of a 500-word abstract and a faculty letter of support is December 3rd, with notifications of acceptance or rejection to be communicated by December 21st. Please feel free to have students contact Irv Epstein, iepstein@iwu.edu, William Munro, wmunro@iwu.edu, Mark Criley, mcriley@iwu.edu, Rebecca Mafazy rmafazy@iwu.edu, Chuck Springwood, cspringwood@iwu.edu, or Associate Dean of Students and Chaplain, for further information.

- IWU Freeman Asia Internship Program - Funded Internship Opportunities in Asia: Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines Summer 2020

Please announce to students the following events: Poster Presentations by 2019 IWU Freeman Asia Interns (with refreshments): Tuesday, September 24, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.; Joslin Atrium, Memorial Center Information sessions at Welcome Center Auditorium: Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2019, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Application deadline: January 30, 2020 (Application submission through Terra Dotta portal will be discussed at the Information Session.) Through the generous support of the Freeman Foundation, IWU will again be able to support approximately 34-36 students to do internships in Asia for 6-10 weeks this summer 2020. This opportunity is available to both domestic and international students who are sophomores or juniors at the time of application and who will return to the IWU campus for at least a semester following the internship. Funding support includes: airfare, housing, living allowance (\$1,200 or equivalent) and all internship placement and visa costs. Students are required to register and pay tuition for summer internship credit at IWU at deeply discounted tuition rate. There is a limit of one internship award per student. Students who are interested in the internship experience in Asia but could not count the internship for their major or minor program can still participate by registering for UNIV 397 or 398 and count the credit as elective. For more information, please contact Teddy O. Amoloza at tamoloza@iwu.edu

- Save the Date: Posse Plus Retreat – January 31-Feb. 2

This year's Posse Plus Retreat is a bit earlier than previous years! We hope this will help students and faculty have fewer academic pressures with a weekend leadership experience. Please save the date for Jan. 31-Feb. 2. We will return to Lake Williamson in Carlinville again this year. (And again, this year, we will work on reliable transportation – thanks for your patience!)

- The Tanaka Japan Lecture and Performance Series presents Japanese Kyogen and Ancient Comedy on Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 4:00 pm in Ames Beckman Auditorium.

