

Faculty Activities 2018-2019

December 2018

Bill Kershner

Member of the board of trustees of The Academy Center for the Arts in Lynchburg. Originally built in 1905, the Center is reopening after being extensively remodeled, with major events scheduled, including Wynton Marsalis on December 13. This marks the culmination of decades of work. He first served on the Board of Friends of the Academy in 1992.

Essay published on the history of the Academy theatre in the book *The Art of Restoration*.

Ella Magruder

Presented *Pecha Kucha*, including 20 images called “In the Many Roomed House of Knowledge; Dancing, Connecting, and Learning” at the 14th Dance and the Child international (daCi) Donference held in conjunction with the World Dance Alliance (WDA) in Adelaide, Australia in July 2018.

Mark Magruder

Gave workshop entitled “Sharing, Connecting, Creating, and Presenting” at the 14th Dance and the Child international (daCi) Donference held in conjunction with the World Dance Alliance (WDA) in Adelaide, Australia in July 2018. He was assisted by SBC students Olympia LeHota '20, Haylei Libran '20, Mary Parker '21 and Rachel Woods '20, as well as Class of 2017 alumnae Vanessa Finnegan and Katrina Buniak.

Lynn Rainville

Attended the CIC Institute for Chief Academic Officers in St. Louis, November 2-6, 2018.

Lectures:

- “Virginia’s Role in the Great War” at the Mathews County Library, November 9, 2018.
- “The Surprising Role of Virginians in the Great War,” Salem Historical Society, November 19, 2018.

Keynote speaker at the Geographical Alliance Symposium for K-12 teachers, “Doing Their Bit: the role of Virginians in the Great War,” November 8, 2018.

Article published: “WWI in Virginia,” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, November 11, 2018, page V-22.

November 2018

Carrie Brown

- Finished manuscript of a new novel, HECTOR, is circulating among publishers now.
- Presentations/Speaking Engagements:
 - Taught in Fairfield University’s low-residency MFA program during its three-day winter session at Enders Island, CT in January 2018.
 - Lectured at Susequehanna University as part of its Presidential Fellows Program in March 2018.
 - Read work by several students and met with them in individual conferences at Lynchburg College, now the University of Lynchburg, in March 2018.
 - Read my work to and addressed the students at UVA’s Young Writers Workshop at Sweet Briar in July 2018

- Spoke to members of the Richmond Young Writers Workshop in July 2018.
- Addressed the members of the Library of Virginia's book club in September 2018.

Meredith McCool

- Presented a session entitled *The Communication Illusion: Lessons from a College-Camp Collaboration* with MAT student Emily Hawk at the VACTE/ATE-VA Fall Conference on October 11, 2018.
- Article published in the 2018 *VASCD Journal* entitled "Learning from Rural Rock Stars to Inform Teacher Preparation" (<http://publications.catstonepress.com/i/1040708-fall-2018/63>).

Lynn Rainville

Submitted a final draft of a manuscript to Berghahn Books for a forthcoming book titled, *Invisible Founders: How Two Centuries of African American Families Transformed a Plantation into a College*. Expected publication April 2019.

September 2018

Nell Boeschenstein

Publications:

- "Lost Colonies" in *The Kenyon Review*, July/August 2018
- "A Few Words about Fake Breasts" in *Granta*, August 2018
- "The Lake Effect" in *The Oxford American*, Fall 2018
- "Or Maybe" forthcoming in *The North American Review*

Katie Glaeser

Member of panel presenting "Virgil's Quest: How Six Virginia Libraries Joined Forces to Discover Their Next ILS," regarding 2015 effort by six academic libraries (SBC, Hampden-Sydney College, Randolph College, Lynchburg College, Eastern Mennonite University and Randolph Macon College) to join forces to identify their next integrated library system (ILS) and form a shared catalog consortium: Virginia Library Association Conference, September 27, 2018.

Joshua Harris

- *a tiny fleck of blue crying light into the void*, for fixed media (i.e. an audio file), was presented in Daegu, South Korea, at the International Computer Music Conference in August 2018. It was released in September 2018 on the album *Mind & Machine*, vol. 2, on the Ravello label of Parma Recordings (North Hampton, NJ), and is streaming now on Spotify, Apple Music, Google Play, Naxos, and other platforms. It was also featured on the podcast *Classical Musical Discoveries* in September.
- *Geryoneis* for reed quintet was published by Akropolis Reed Quintet (Ann Arbor, MI) in their Akropolis Collection in September 2018.

Melora Kordos

Directed in summer 2018 at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest:

- Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*
- *1776 the Musical* (for the 5th year)

Performed in *Noises Off* with Wolfbane Productions in Appomattox.

Keynote Speaker for the 2018 Lynchburg Optimists Club Theatre Awards.

Lynn Laufenberg

Research presentation at Medieval Studies Roundtable, Emory University: "Before the Triangle Trade: Slavery in Late-Medieval Tuscany," September 21, 2018.

Chris Penfield

Invited to present ‘Response to Matthias Fritsch’s “Killing and Letting Die: Foucault and Derrida on Sovereignty and Biopower,”’ at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting, Penn State University, October 19, 2018.

Lynn Rainville

Lectures:

- “Virginia’s Role in World War I,” South West Virginia Historical Society, Big Stone Gap, September 8.
- “The Enslaved Community at Mt. Fair,” part of a celebration of Albemarle’s Mountain Heritage, co-hosted by the Piedmont Environmental Council and John and Dudley Macfarlane, September 29.

Attended a Conference on teaching non-traditional students at women’s colleges. Co-hosted by Bay Path University and The American Women’s College, Longmeadow, Massachusetts, September 16-18.

Raina Robeva

- Published book: Robeva, R., Macauley M. (Editors). *Algebraic and Combinatorial Computational Biology*. Mathematics in Science and Engineering, Elsevier/Academic Press, September 2018.
- Invited talks:
 - ❖ Robeva, R. *Discrete Models of Biological Systems with Bistability*, Biomathematics Seminar at Virginia Commonwealth University on September 7, 2018, Richmond, VA.
 - ❖ Robeva, R. *Student research in algebraic and combinatorial mathematical biology*. Upcoming mini-symposium presentation at the XI International Symposium on Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research, Tempe, AZ, October 7-9, 2018.
- Contributed Paper Session: Comar, T, Robeva, R. (Organizers) *Mathematics and the Life Sciences: Initiatives, Programs, Curricula*, Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (MathFest), Denver, CO, August 1-4, 2018.
- Accepted Proposal: Comar, T, Robeva, R, Akman, O, Hrozencik, D. (Organizers) *Algebraic, Discrete, Topological and Stochastic Approaches to Modeling in Mathematical Biology*, Special Session accepted for the Joint Mathematics Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, Baltimore, MD, January 16-19, 2019.
- Continuing:
 - ❖ Specialty Chief Editor, *Frontiers in Systems Biology*.
 - ❖ Chair, Special Interest Group in Mathematical and Computational Biology of the Mathematical Association of America.

Cheryl Warnock

Completed her 7th summer at Stagedoor Manor Summer Theatre Training Center in Loch Sheldrake, NY as the Production Manager. She was responsible for producing 41 fully mounted shows in eight on-site theatre spaces with over 900 students (from over 6 continents) ages 10-18 and over 160 staff. This summer some of the productions included *Mary Poppins*, *Bright Star*, *1 Man 2 Guvnors*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*.

August 2018

Anna Billias

- This past summer, she performed American Contemporary Art Songs in the American Cathedral in Paris in collaboration with Dr. Greg Parker.
- Two additional concerts were performed in Crimea featuring American, Russian and European composers.

Meredith McCool

Attended the International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education and presented an invited lightning talk entitled *A College-Camp Collaboration to Enhance the Diversity of Field Experiences* and a research presentation entitled *"This is a Rural Activity": An Activity Theory Perspective on Rural Classrooms*.

Lynn Rainville

Lectures given:

- "Invisible Founders: How Two Centuries of African American Families Helped Transform a Plantation into a College," Second Stage, Amherst, June 7.
- Symposium on World War I, Mariners' Museum, June 23.
- "Virginia and the Great War," Chesterfield Historical Society, June 30.
- "Doing Their Bit: Virginia's Surprising Role in the Great War," Fairfax Historical Society & Museum, July 8.
- "Preserving God's Acre: Locating and Protecting Historic African American Cemeteries," Batesville, August 12.