The Fall Bulletin provides a synopsis of upcoming events and activities of interest, announcements, profiles of new Manhattanville community members, and updates regarding happenings around campus and with alumni in various locations. Welcome to the 2014-15 academic year at Manhattanville College!

The Class of 2018 Arrives
The Class of 2018 represents 22 states and 20 countries including Canada, China, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Nepal, Sweden, and Vietnam. The largest representative population comes from New York. Other states with large contingents of incoming students include neighboring northeastern states Connecticut and New Jersey, as well as California.

The Undergraduate Admissions Department received and reviewed close to 4,300 applications for an entering enrollment of nearly 600, of which 63 percent are female and 37 percent are male.

Fall Event Schedule for Prospective Students, Families, and School Counselors
The Undergraduate Admissions Department will once again have “Themed Saturday” events, which were initiated last year and provided students the opportunity to sit in on sessions hosted by faculty and staff reflecting their area of interest. This year the “Themed Saturday” events will feature sixteen sessions ranging from academics, financial aid, community service, and studying abroad.

The yearly Fall Open House will be held on November 15 and will provide a forum for visitors to meet the Manhattanville College community, engage with alumni, tour the campus, and truly get a feel for all that Manhattanville has to offer.

On December 2 the office will once again host a School Counselor Brunch. This outreach event was well received last year and brought in counselors from five different states.

In addition, visitors will also have more chances to tour the campus with weekday, Saturday, and a number of Sunday tours to choose from.

New VP of Student Affairs Joins Manhattanville Community
Over the summer Manhattanville College selected John Balog as its new Vice President of Student Affairs. Balog officially stepped into the position at the beginning of the 2014 Fall Semester.

The Evanston, Illinois native and die-hard Cubs fan received his undergraduate degree from Marquette University before receiving his Master’s at Texas State University and later a Ph.D. from Gonzaga University.

Balog has been working closely with students his entire career. His early tutelage began in Residence Life as a Hall Director before continuing to work hard and eventually moving his way up to Dean and Vice President of Student Affairs at institutions all over the country, including Spring Hill College, Jacksonville University, and the University of Great Falls in Montana.

Some of Balog’s responsibilities at Manhattanville include overseeing campus activities, health services, food services, and athletics.
Gabriella Burd joined the Student Affairs team as Director of Disability Services this June. Burd replaced Carin Horowitz, who left the College in May after five years of dedicated and committed service to Manhattanville students.

Burd comes to the College from the City University of New York, Hostos Community College, where she was the Disability Services Manager at their Accessibility Resource Center. She was also Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department at Fedcap Rehabilitation Services immediately before assuming the position at CUNY-Hostos, where she was also an adjunct lecturer.

She is a certified rehabilitation counselor and a licensed mental health counselor. She has a M.A., Ed. M. from Teachers College, Columbia University and a B.A. in Psychology from Hunter College, City University of New York.

What Is Title IX?

Title IX is part of the Educational Amendments of 1972 which ban sex discrimination in educational institutions. The legislation was crafted to promote gender equity within the U.S. educational system and guarantee girls and women the same opportunities as boys and men.

The law states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

By linking federal funding to Title IX, lawmakers created a strong incentive for schools to implement Title IX policies or risk losing the aid. If an educational institution receives any form of federal funding, it must comply with Title IX. Not only does this include public schools and colleges but nearly all private colleges as they are the recipients of federal funds from students who receive financial aid from federal programs.

From 1972 until 2011, Title IX compliance and enforcement was generally focused on assuring that there was no gender discrimination in intercollegiate athletics. Then, in April 2011 the Office of Civil Rights mandated changes for how institutions must handle reports of sexual misconduct under Title IX.

To be in compliance with Title IX, Manhattanville College must demonstrate that it has a non-discrimination policy (inclusive of sex discrimination), a designated Title IX Coordinator, and a policy which defines reporting and grievance procedures along with an investigation process. This link confirms compliance with Title IX required process and procedures, the College’s policy regarding discrimination, and the process to resolve grievances. The policy can be found under Human Resources and the Student Handbook, which is posted on the College’s website.

If you would like to file a complaint or give notice of a violation of Title IX, please contact one of the following Title IX Committee Members:

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Center for Career Development Kicks Off the Fall Semester

This fall the Center for Career Development (CCD) is starting a new initiative by having counselors present career development workshops to freshmen writing classes. These classroom visits are designed to introduce students to the Center and engage them in their major, and career decision making process early in their college experience. The classroom visit will include an assignment that will involve scheduling an individual appointment with a career counselor and creating a resume.

Additionally, the CCD will offer extended office hours on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all other days) and walk-in hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Students are invited to attend the third annual Recruit Westchester on October 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This major recruiting event, sponsored by 15 colleges and universities throughout the county, will allow students to explore full-time and part-time jobs as well as internships from more than 100 participating employers. Transportation will be provided.

Throughout the academic year, the CCD will also host a variety of events, workshops and panels to get students involved and assist them with achieving their career related goals. Click here for a complete list of events.

Coming Soon! Manhattanville College Develops New Marketing Website

Over the summer, the College’s Web Strategy Committee has been working with Spark451, a full-service marketing and communications company, to create a new marketing website for Manhattanville, which it plans to launch later in the fall semester.

The website’s main focus will be to attract prospective students and donors, and will feature vibrant visuals and promotional text to answer the question Why Manhattanville? Designed to be responsive, the downsized marketing website will adjust for viewing on smart phones and tablets, and will be easy to navigate to allow visitors to quickly find the information they are looking for and hit the “apply” or “give” buttons.

Members of the Web Strategy Committee are as follows:

Co-Chairs:
Nikhil Kumar, Vice President of Undergraduate Enrollment Management
J.J. Pryor, Managing Director of the Office of Communications

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Westchester and Fairfield Counties Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast

The Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast will once again take place at Manhattanville College. Last year the event drew more than 300 people from Westchester and Fairfield counties to honor the diversity of America’s religious community and political organizations. The breakfast also honors members and/or organizations from the local community for their service to others. This is the sixth year that Manhattanville will host the event on campus. President Jon C. Strauss will welcome community members to the College and the Quintessentials, the College’s pop vocal group, will sing during the event. Be sure to check the Mville Blast in November for the exact date and time.

Fall NOLA Service-Learning Trips: Hands-On-New Orleans and Duchesne House

Two separate service-learning trips to New Orleans are planned for December 2014 by Rev. Wil Tyrrell, director and Craig Donnelly, coordinator. Rev. Tyrrell is taking his group to the Duchesne House in New Orleans, which is run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to work with the St. Bernard Project building homes in the 9th Ward. His group will join Donnelly’s group of students, working for the Hands-on-New Orleans program, which is the first time Manhattanville will be working with the program. The Duchesne Center has been serving the New Orleans Community since 2006.

United Nations DPI-NGO Conference

Manhattanville College, thanks to its NGO status at the UN, will be present at the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference participating in the creation of the 2015 action agenda topics of human rights, poverty, inequality, sustainability, and climate concerns. Rev. Wil Tyrrell will represent the College at the conference, which will be webcast live in the Center for Teaching and Learning. Manhattanville students, staff, and faculty attend the UN weekly to participate in Department of Public Information briefings and other conferences held throughout the year.

Marshall Takes Over as Head Men’s Golf Coach

Head men’s hockey coach Arlen Marshall ’10 has added another job to his title, taking over as head men’s golf coach for the 2014-15 season. He replaces George Tischler ’11, who served as head coach for two years, and will transition into a new role as Director of Golf Operations. Marshall has been a fixture at Manhattanville over the last eight years, beginning with a decorated four-year career on the ice for the Valiant hockey team before serving on the coaching staff for the last four seasons, including the last two as head coach.

For the most up-to-date news, schedules and statistics for all 20 Manhattanville varsity sports, visit the official online home of Manhattanville Athletics, GoValiants.com, or follow Manhattanville Athletics on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
Patterson Named Head Men’s and Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field Coach

Megan Patterson became the third head coach of the Manhattanville men’s and women’s cross country and track & field programs in July. She comes to the College following two years with the men’s and women’s cross country programs at SUNY Maritime, during which time she helped recruit and mentor eight All-Skyline Conference runners.

First Manhattanville Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Set for Early September

Manhattanville will induct its inaugural class into the Athletics Hall of Fame on September 13. The inductees include women’s basketball All-American Theresa Carey ’82, four-year men’s basketball captain Roger Dunphy ’80, and women’s swimming national champion Judy Felice Shea ’81. These three join former Athletic Director Joel Daunic as the first quartet to be enshrined. The night will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by the induction reception starting at 7 p.m. in Reid Castle. Visit the Hall of Fame page on the College’s Athletics website for more information on the inductees or to sign up to attend the event.

Manhattanville Hockey Returning to the Playland Ice Casino for 2014-15 Season

After two seasons in Stamford, CT, the Manhattanville men’s and women’s hockey teams are returning to their home at the Playland Ice Casino for the 2014-15 season. The home of Manhattanville hockey from 2002-12 and the former practice home of the New York Rangers. The Playland Ice Casino was badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy weeks before the start of the 2012-13 season. The Valiants are hoping that a return to Playland will result in a return to the teams’ winning ways, as the two programs are a combined 196-44-21 (.791) all-time at their home rink.
Upcoming Alumni Events

The Office of Alumni Relations has a full slate of events and engagement opportunities for alumni throughout the country scheduled for the Fall Semester, including the return of the successful New York City Lecture Series, established to feature discussions led by faculty on current events within their field of interest. This year’s series will continue to feature new academic programs offered at Manhattanville to showcase those majors and their faculty members.

The Manhattanville experience will also be brought to the following regional areas: Boston; Washington D.C.; Philadelphia; Chicago; and California and Florida. Alumni Relations is also teaming up with Undergraduate Admissions to collaborate on events for prospective students in conjunction with alumni throughout these regions.

In addition to the events occurring on campus during the annual Fall Fest’Ville Weekend, Alumni Relations will also host a special ‘80s Alumni Mixer. The event will reconnect alumni from this decade and provide them with the opportunity to reminisce about their college days back on campus.

Also, Manhattanville Young Alumni Society members are enlisting the help of volunteers to re-engage recent graduates with gatherings such as happy hours, networking events, and other social happenings throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut tri-state area.

All alumni, faculty, and staff are welcome to come home to Manhattanville for Reunion Weekend and enjoy a weekend full of friends, family, and fun. Be sure to save the date for next summer’s Reunion Weekend, June 5 through 7.

Stay up-to-date on alumni happenings by viewing the alumni section of the College’s website. Join in on the conversation and “like” our Facebook page and remember it’s never too early to make your gift to the Fund for Manhattanville.

Literacy Department to Host Symposium with Jacob Burns Film Center

The Manhattanville College School of Education’s Literacy Department is partnering with the Jacob Burns Film Center to offer “The Age of the Image: Media Education and Visual Literacy in Today’s Classrooms.” The symposium, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Manhattanville, will feature interactive workshops for educators. Steve Apkon, founder of Jacob Burns and author of “The Age of the Image: Redefining Literacy in a World of Screens,” will deliver the keynote address. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Manhattanville students and alumni can register at a reduced rate of $10 on the symposium website.
The Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy was launched this past summer as six graduate students in the inaugural cohort took their first methodology course. Five of the six students are teaching at Columbus Elementary School in the New Rochelle School District and one is teaching at R.J. Bailey School in the Greenburgh Central School District. They are beginning their year-long practicum experience at their schools with one-on-one mentoring to implement a distinctive multisensory, phonics-based approach to literacy. These students will receive their certificate by the end of the Spring 2015 semester. Recruitment is underway for the next cohort of students to begin next summer.

Manhattanville Excellence in Teaching Academy Begins this Fall
Highly qualified graduate students enrolled in the School of Education master’s degree in Early Childhood Education program are receiving a 50 percent tuition scholarship and are serving as paid apprentices at the Park Early Childhood Center in Ossining Union Free School District.

Jump Start to Take Place in the Fall for the First Time
Jump Start, the accelerated program in teacher education that leads to both certification and master’s degrees, is being offered with a new format this fall. Students enrolled in a fall cohort will take courses for a full semester rather than as five-week modules. These students will be eligible for teaching jobs in fall of 2015.

Manhattanville Will Offer Courses at Rockland Teachers’ Center and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES
Three distinct School of Education master’s degree programs in Special Education and Childhood, and Special Education will be offered this fall at a new site for Manhattanville, the Rockland Teachers’ Center (pending Middle States approval). Courses are also being offered this fall in Applied Behavior Analysis, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Special Education, and Early Childhood and/or Early Childhood Special Education at Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES.

Executive Track of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Started
Seven “All But Dissertation” students began their coursework this past summer to receive an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. These students are taking 20 of the 59-credit program, mostly focused on their dissertation, to complete their degree. Recruitment is underway for the Spring 2015 cohort.

Relocation of Office of Student Activities
The Office of Student Activities relocated to Founders G-33 and welcomed more than 500 new students through the summer orientation programs. Work was done to update the Student Activities website (http://www.mville.edu/undergraduate/student-life/student-activities.html) to provide students the resources they need to be involved on campus and encourage exploration of the tri-state area. Also parents and family members will find useful information about upcoming events and important dates on the new website (www.mville.edu/parents).

The Dean of Students Office will relocate to Reid Hall, Room 227 by mid-September. Dean Sharlise Smith-Rodriguez encourages students to stop by.
Graduate and Professional Studies Changes Name to School of Business

For more than two decades, the Manhattanville School of Business (MSB) was called the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and was well known and respected for helping to prepare today’s professionals for tomorrow’s business opportunities.

Originally established as Adult and Continuing Education, the division changed its name in 1993 with the launch of its Masters of Science degree in Organizational Management and Human Resources Development. This most recent name change, which came with a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees, was initiated to best reflect its current program offerings and market direction. Its instructors are seasoned professionals with many holding senior positions at premier companies such as Morgan Stanley, Major League Baseball, Pitney Bowes, Verizon, ABC Sports, and Associated Press.

Today, the Manhattanville School of Business offers six master’s degrees, including, Business Leadership, Finance, Human Resource Management and Organizational Effectiveness, International Management, Marketing Communication Management and Sport Business Management. The school also offers advanced certificates in Business Leadership, Finance, Human Resource Management, and Marketing Communication Management, three accelerated bachelor’s degree programs for adult learners, and a soon to be launched certificate in Non-Profit Management.

New MSB Programs and Initiatives

The soon to be launched Certificate Program in Non-Profit Leadership Certificate already has a ‘who’s who’ of advisory board members, including: Catherine March of the Westchester Community Foundation; Daniel R. Alcott of the International Corporate Center; Alisa Kesten of the Volunteer Center for the United Way; Maria Imperial of the White Plains and Central Westchester YMCA; Terry Kirchner of the Westchester Library System; Blanca Lopez of the Human Development Services of Westchester; Greg Maher of Leviticus 25:23 Alternative Fund, Inc.; and Joanna Straub of Non-Profit Westchester.

The Non-Profit Leadership Certificate will be truly innovative and is designed to provide those working, or those inclined to work, in the nonprofit sector with those key business strategies and philosophies needed to succeed. Students will learn important strategies, such as financial monitoring, crisis management, program and staff development, mergers and acquisitions, and resource management. For more information email Rhonna Goodman.

The Master of Science International Management Program curriculum has been re-designed. In addition to providing students with a comprehensive multidisciplinary foundation of international business management theory and strategic practices, the revised program offers students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in a selected business discipline area. Business Leadership, Finance, Human Resource Management, and Marketing Communication Management are the areas students can currently focus on. Email for more information.

An Executive Leadership and Development Center for Women is being formed this season to advance the personal and professional development of women by offering a comprehensive array of educational programs, mentoring and coaching, and corporate training. This pilot project is totally unique to the greater Westchester area and should be the premiere women’s leadership training center in the area. For more information contact Kathryn Meany.

The Sport Business Management Program is forming an alumni group and planning a major outing this year. Contact David Torromeo for more information.
Personnel Updates

Professor Alex Gialanella has recently taken on the expanded role of Program Director for the MS in Finance Program. The program now offers three concentrations, preparing students for careers in accounting, corporate finance, and investments. If you’re interested in learning more about the program please contact Dr. Gialanella.

Jean Mann has joined the MSB as its Director of Marketing and Enrollment Services. Mann has worked previously in admissions and marketing for several colleges as well as the director of marketing within the corporate sector. She will focus her attention on creating greater awareness of the MSB. For more information e-mail here.

Jane Friederichs, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Academics

Dr. Jane Friederichs brings a wealth of experience in higher education both in the United States and around the world to Manhattanville College.

She began her teaching career at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1976 before moving to Germany, where through the University of Maryland and Department of Defense she taught American soldiers stationed there. After receiving her Ph.D. at the University of London, she taught at Richmond American International University, where she also became Chair of the Department of Social Sciences and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Friederichs and her husband moved back to the U.S. in 2001, where she continued working in higher education as both a Dean and Professor at Mitchell College and then Mass Bay Community College, until retiring in the spring of 2014.

She always taught psychology and education courses, and is very interested in how school systems, including higher education, throughout the world are developed out of the culture, history, politics, and other aspects of the country.

In addition to the small size and beauty of the campus Dr. Friederichs says she came to Manhattanville because of all of the work done with faculty in the areas of curriculum development and assessment. She says she hopes to continue those efforts. Although she is at the College on an Interim basis she believes she can continue to move that work forward and not let this year be a gap year until the position is filled permanently.

She enjoys interacting with faculty and students and hopes that the Manhattanville community will visit her office whenever they want. She also promised not to wear her Boston Red Sox hat around campus.
First Annual Economic Freedom Institute Conference Planned

The Economic Freedom Institute will have its first annual conference on October 10 and 11. The focus of the conference is the 70th anniversary of the publication of Hayek’s “The Road to Serfdom,” the relationship between economic and political freedom.

In particular, the conference will ask if Hayek’s critique of political freedom in a planned economy also applies to the modern regulatory, welfare, and surveillance state. Dr. Jerry Jordan, former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, will be the keynote speaker and other prominent scholars will also be in attendance. Alumni are invited to attend. Visit the Economic Freedom Institute’s website for more details.

New Home for Department of Communications and Media

The Berman Student Center has been transformed into a digital media center, complete with Mac labs, and photo and video editing labs. It is also the new home of the Department of Communications and Media.

In addition to faculty offices and teaching spaces, the center will also house student media outlets, MVL Radio and Touchstone. According to Professor Brian Snee, chair of the Department of Communications, the thinking behind the change was to give the building a new purpose and to have all of the student media production done under one roof.

Prior to the Berman Center’s transformation, digital media production courses were offered in small, insufficient space. Now the faculty has the space and equipment to teach those courses at a higher level.

The Digital Media Production major is new to Manhattanville; courses had been offered through the Communication Studies program, but students were yearning for more. The Communications Studies major has been around for about 15 years and is one of the most popular majors on campus.

“With the College’s proximity to New York City, having the media center will help students prepare to compete for internships and jobs in the city,” said Snee. “It will also help attract students to Manhattanville.”

He added that he was grateful for the show of support by many at the College to turn Berman into a media center and upgrade the communications program.

“Swag n’ Bach
At the Jacob Burns Film Center

On Monday, October 27, the Jacob Burns Film Center will premiere the dance film, “Swag n’ Bach,” which was created and directed by Manhattanville College Artist-in-Residence Peter Pucci. The film features a cast of 11 student dancers and depicts their journey to learning a new dance inspired by Shakespeare’s use of the word “swagger” set to Bach’s “Brandenburg Concerto No. 6.” Assisting Pucci with the project were four filmmakers in collaboration with Tony Ely, the film’s producer, and the College’s Communications and Media Department.

The premiere is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the film center and will include a question and answer session with Pucci, Ely, and several of the dancers from the project.
Rodney Dangerfield Institute for the Study of Comedy Kicks Off

This fall the Rodney Dangerfield Institute for the Study of Comedy is offering its first course at the College, a freshman seminar titled “Laughter and Respect.”

The course will focus on and feature the work of contemporary comedians such as Louis C.K., Chris Rock, Ellen DeGeneres, and the late Robin Williams, in addition to Dangerfield himself. The seminar, which is being taught by Professor Van Hartmann, will combine the comedians’ work with Greek comedies, Roman satire, Shakespearian comedy, contemporary literature, and theories of comedy to show the tradition of where stand-up and film comedy came from.

Manhattanville College first announced the establishment of the Rodney Dangerfield Institute for the Study of Comedy in May, when the College honored him with an honorary degree posthumously at the Undergraduate Commencement. His widow, Joan, accepted the honor on his behalf.

The Institute will be designed to house the late comedian’s archives and study the nature and practice of laughter and comedy.

While the Institute is currently not offering any other classes, there are other courses in development. Hartmann hopes the future courses come from a variety of sectors including performance, sociology, biology, and psychology in relation to comedy and laughter.

William C. Agee Slated as Arthur M. Berger Lecture Keynote Speaker

William C. Agee, the Evelyn Kranes Kossak Professor of Art History at Hunter College, will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Arthur M. Berger Lecture, which will take place on Wednesday, October 22 in the West Room of Reid Hall.

During the lecture, “Beyond the Great Divide: Connecting Pre and Post 1945 American Art”, Agee will explain the transformation of American Art from figurative depictions of the particular to abstract interpretation of universal ideals which occurred between 1900 and 1945.

Agee has taught at Hunter College, City University of New York since 1987. An alumnus from Andover, Princeton, and Yale, he serves on the Board of Governors at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Andover. He was also formerly an associate curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art and associate curator of the Department of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art.

He has written the catalogue raisonnés on Patrick Henry Bruce, Stuart Davis, and Sam Francis. In addition, he has organized numerous exhibitions and extensively published on modern American artists such as Morton Schamberg, James Daugherty, Arthur Dove, John Marin, Ralston Crawford, and Al Jensen. He is currently writing a book for Phaidon Press entitled “Modern Art in America 1908-1968: A Critical and Thematic History.”

For further information, contact Professor Gillian Greenhill Hannum, chair, Department of Art History, (914) 323-5456, or via email here.

Recycling Machine Ready for Use

Located next to the Bookstore is a Tomra Uno automatic recycling machine designed to recycle all plastic bottles. The machine was installed as a way to encourage recycling on campus and to promote a sustainable culture. The machine is equipped with a barcode recognition feature to identify the price of the bottle, and donates the money earned to the College’s senior class. If the machine doesn’t recognize a particular bottle it can be brought to E.J. Ferarro in Campus Safety, who will contact TOMRA and have them upload the barcode into the system.
MFA in Creative Writing Fall Line Up

The MFA in Creative Writing Program at Manhattanville College will be hosting a one-day symposium celebrating author Ngugi wa Thiong’o. The symposium will take place on Friday, September 26, 2014, as part of the MFA program’s annual Fall Writers Weekend.

Ngugi wa Thiong’o, born in Kenya, has been considered a candidate to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. His volumes of critical essays include “Decolonizing the Mind and Barrel of a Pen: Resistance to Repression in Neocolonial Kenya,” as well as “Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing,” and “In the Name of My Mother: Reflections on Writers and Empire.”

The symposium will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a panel discussion on Ngugi wa Thiong’s life and work. Featured presenters include John M. Mugane, professor of the Practice of African Languages and Cultures and Director of the African Language Program at Harvard University, Hunter College Professor Jeremy Glick, and Manhattanville College Visiting Assistant Professor Fatin Abbas. Ngugi will give a keynote reading from his works at 7 p.m. Both the panel discussion and the reading will be held in the West Room of Reid Castle.

Amy Goodman, host and executive producer for Democracy Now! will speak at Manhattanville College on Tuesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the MFA in Creative Writing and the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action. Goodman has dedicated her career to promote social justice in the media, for which she has been widely recognized and awarded. She was the first journalist to win the Right Livelihood Award for strengthening and developing independent journalism at Democracy Now! She has also written several books including “The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope” and “Breaking the Sound Barrier” that reached No. 11 on the New York Times bestsellers list.

On November 14, the program will be hosting Prison Writing Symposium with scholar Joy James and poet Randall Horton.

The event will start at 6 p.m. in Reid Castle’s Ophir Room with the screening of “Amazing Grace,” a documentary about a New York’s maximum security prison for women. The film examines stereotypes of women behind bars at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. And at 7:30 p.m. there will be a keynote talk/reading with James and Horton. James is one of the nation’s leading writers on the prison industrial complex. Her recent books include “Warfare in the American Homeland: Policing and Prison in a Penal Democracy,” and “Seeking the Beloved Community: A Feminist Race Reader.” Horton, a recent recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts fellowship, has published several poetry collections including the recent volume “Pitch Dark Anarchy.” He is a regular guest on the Prison Poetry Workshop podcast series.
Valiant Week

Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., West Room, Reid Hall
“A Valiant History: Stories and Snapshots from the Archives”
Kick off Valiant Week and brush up on our College’s history with a presentation from Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Lauren Ziarko. Using images from the archives, she will explore Manhattanville’s unique story. Over the course of its 170 years, Manhattanville has been a Catholic academy for girls, a women’s college, and finally the college we know today. Throughout the changes there has remained a spirit of community, globalism, and service.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4:30 p.m., East Library, Reid Hall
“Combining Conscience, Career and Social Change”
Come and learn how the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action works to educate students on the importance of planned action toward social change by training students to educate, activate, and agitate for that positive change as we work toward an equitable, just, non-racist, and environmentally sustainable world.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., West Room, Reid Hall
“Mother Dammann’s Principles versus Prejudices: Considering her Message”
Join professors James Bryan, Economics; Paul Ellis, Mathematics; James Jones, World Religions and African Studies; Courtney Kelly, School of Education; Paul Kucharski, Philosophy; and Mohamed Mbojd, History and African Studies, as they consider the importance of Mother Grace Cowardin Dammann’s famous speech to Manhattanville alumnae, delivered in 1938 when the College accepted its first African-American student.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4:30 p.m., East Library, Reid Hall
“Revolution or Evolution: Manhattanville in the mid-20th Century”
Learn about how Manhattanville changed and evolved during the era of “campus revolution” of the mid-20th century. View a 20 minute video of student life at Manhattanville made in 1947 and narrated by Lowell Thomas, followed by a panel of retired and current faculty, featuring Professor Everett Delahanty, Psychology; Professor Theresa Kelleher ’71, Asian Studies; and Professor Peter Gardella, World Religions, speaking about the college in the 60s, 70s and 80s, as it changed to adapt to the times.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., West Room, Reid Hall
“Past, Present, Future: The Lives of Manhattanville’s Reid Castle”
Hear Michelle Pings ’12, First-Year Experience assistant in the Center for Student Success and current Museum Studies graduate student at New York University, discuss the architectural and social history of the College’s iconic castle.

Thursday, Sept. 18, 4:30 p.m., East Library, Reid Hall
“Join the World Dance: Mville Students on Community, Service & Internationalization”
A visual panel presentation by students who have studied abroad, engaged in academic service-learning trips, and completed the 4th Credit Option during the last academic year will share their transformative life experiences with you. Moderated by Rev. Wil Tyrrell, director, Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice.

Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., West Room, Reid Hall
“To Lead Like a Valiant”
Moderated by Pat Scanlon ’03, M.S. ’09, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Assistant Athletic Director, and FYP Instructor. This year’s panel will explore what it means to lead – on our campus and beyond. How does a Valiant stand out from the crowd? What makes a Valiant unique? Utilizing a panel of past and present Valiants, we will explore what it means “to lead like a Valiant.”

Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Brownson 8
“What Are You Laughing At? Reconciling Making Fun of Others with Manhattanville’s Mission”
Manhattanville’s newly established Rodney Dangerfield Institute for the Study of Comedy raises basic questions about the role comedy plays in our lives as responsible citizens. Rodney’s 1986 film Back to School turns many assumptions about being a responsible member of a college community upside down and leaves us asking what it means to go (back) to school. Join Professor Van Hartmann, Department of English, for a discussion and screening of the film.

This event will be followed by a performance by comedian Kevin Craft, starting at 9:30 p.m. in the Berman Center Theatre, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.
Library Brings New Technology and Entertaining Events

The staff of the library has been working to make it the best that it can be, which is why the library is now using QuickSearch, the most powerful library search ever offered at Manhattanville. Check it out here. New academic e-books in nearly every subject have also been added to the Ebsco and JStor databases, and soon the library will have a full-image backfile of “The New Yorker”. This will serve as a great resource for communications and media, sociology, and creative writing students, and more.

Visit the library’s event page for a complete listing of all the happenings taking place this semester.

eTerns Are Here to Help

Manhattanville’s eTern Team is ready to support faculty with emerging and innovative technologies. Its cadre of eTerns can help faculty, staff, and students with Blackboard, ePortolio, video creation tools (iMovie and Windows Movie Maker), Google Drive, and more. The team support services include, but are not limited to: learning how to use technology for teaching, learning, and scholarship; technology training sessions in the ePortolio lab for classes; edTPA technology instruction, ePortolio creation and showcase; and much more.

The eTern Team Office is located on the second floor of the Library and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, eTerns are on-call for any lab reservations after hours. Click here to reserve the lab for your class. If you have any questions, please contact the eTern Team at 914-323-1318 or e-mail here.

New Information Technology Services Provider Hits the Ground Running

In September Jim Russell became Manhattanville College’s Chief Information Officer through Ellucian, the College’s new information technology services provider. Previously he was at the City University of New York (CUNY).

At CUNY he was the Academic Integration Manager for an ERP implementation. His responsibilities included executive and constituent alignment to support change management and process improvement for 23 schools and colleges within the University. Russell has also served as Director of Instructional Technology at Baruch College, a senior college in the CUNY system.

His research interests include analytics, private sector methodologies in higher education and government, and social media in education and learning technologies. He holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from Kutztown University and has more than 20 years of experience in higher education.

Joining Russell to round out the Ellucian team are:
- Daycia Bownman, Web Developer
- Ben Broder, Senior Network Administrator
- Jeff Getz, Senior Programmer Analyst
- Kalev Kask, Associate Technical Support Specialist
- George Quiles, Technical Director
- Tom Talamini, User Services Manager
Chairman D.H. (Don) Callahan
The Manhattanville College Board of Trustees elected Don Callahan ’78, head of operations & technology for Citi, as its new chairman. He replaces Robert Hall, whose term expired after serving as chair since 2008. Callahan has been on the Board for 11 years.

Callahan graduated from Manhattanville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He was preceded by his mother Mary J. (O’Connell) Callahan ’45 and followed by his son Peter Callahan ’14.

Callahan joined the global bank in 2007 and is a member of its Operating Committee. He is responsible for the management of Global Operations & Technology, in addition to serving as Chair of the Chief Infrastructure Office, which sets global standards for all technology throughout Citi. He also leads Citi’s Data Management program, serves a Chair of its Digital Governance Office, and is responsible for General Business Services, which includes managing Citi’s real estate globally.

Callahan began his career at International Business Machines (IBM) where he held a series of positions in technology development and strategic planning, including the Director of Strategy for IBM Japan. In 1993, Callahan joined Morgan Stanley in the equity division focused on client technology before becoming Head of Business Management. In 2006 he joined the senior management team at Credit Suisse, working in New York and Zurich with responsibility for driving client level profitability.

In addition to the Manhattanville College Board of Trustees, Callahan serves on the Board of the American Red Cross of Greater New York, is a member of the Business Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, is a Fellow at the Foreign Policy Association, and serves on the British American Business International Advisory Board. He is married to Lisa Winton Callahan; they have four sons.

Ann Jablonski, RSCJ, Ph.D.,
Sister Ann Jablonski, RSCJ, Ph.D. was elected as a member at large to the Manhattanville Board of Trustees. Sister Jablonski is a university research reviewer for the Ed.D. program and contributing faculty member at Walden University, as well as a visiting lecturer in education at Kisubi Brothers University College in Kampala, Uganda. Her expertise is in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed research methodologies and structural modeling applications to educational research. Sister Jablonski was an associate professor in the Education Department at Reap College of Education and Human Development at Marywood University, where she taught courses in educational psychology and research theory. Prior to Marywood, she was an adjunct assistant professor at St. John’s University. She began her career as an elementary school teacher.

Water Bottle Fillers Throughout Campus
Manhattanville is currently in the process of installing nine new water bottle fillers throughout the campus. “These new fillers will help Manhattanville enhance its dedication to a sustainable future by decreasing the College’s contribution to plastic landfills, all while providing freshly filtered water to its students,” said Jim Browne, master plumber. “There will be a counter on the upper right side of each filler to show how many plastic water bottles are saved.” The fillers will be located in various locations on campus. There will be one filler present on the ground floor of each of the upper classmen dorms as well as one on each of the three floors of Spellman Hall. Additional fillers will be placed in Brownson and Benziger Hall as well as Kennedy Gym. The last filler is scheduled to be installed by the end of September.
Recent Campus Enhancements

Led by First Lady Jean Strauss, there are a number of small, but significant changes that have occurred over the summer, or are underway at the College. All of these enhancements are designed to improve the quality of life for those who call Manhattanville home.

Inside the Castle, the Elizabeth Room was transformed from a storage closet into a small meeting room off the West Room, and the new Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy opened for classes in what was an octagonal office space. The Rose Institute provides a stunning new classroom for the School of Education.

The third floor of Tenney Hall is having an experimental face lift, with new accent walls in suites, artwork, and ultimately bar tables and stools in the link lounges. With student feedback, hopefully all living spaces will undergo similar facelifts in the coming years. And behind Tenney a new outdoor lighted basketball court is near completion.

Also, the Nook, the College’s faculty and staff lounge area, received new carpeting and windows, and Benziger Hall also received new windows throughout.

In addition, the West Room is having a makeover, with new burgundy drapes, a twelve foot movie screen, a high-end projector and sound system, and, later this fall, new lighting. All of this will enhance College events in this space, from student performances and lectures, to guest speakers and screenings. The newly acquired equipment will also be utilized for events in the Ophir Room, East Library, and East Room.

Watch for a new gatehouse this fall in addition to improvements to the campus entrance over the coming year.