President’s Message | Denise Halverson

Welcome to a new academic year! We are looking forward to associating with you in the Faculty Women’s Association.

Our theme for this year is Expressions of Faith: Women Fulfilling the Mission of BYU. At BYU we have the unique opportunity to not only assist in preparing students for their professions as we actively engage in our own professions, but to be a positive influence in their eternal progression as we progress in our own journey. We especially hope to facilitate our faculty women in these endeavors this year in Faculty Women’s Association.

In our opening meeting this September, Patti Freeman, Kristine Hansen, and Diane Reich talked about opportunities that had been opened to them as faculty members at BYU to express their faith and to be a positive influence in the lives of others. We greatly appreciated their willingness to share their experiences and insights. Our October meeting featured a powerful presentation by Women’s Chorus Conductor, Jean Applonie, who shared her great love of choral music and the power of music and text to bring spiritual insights to teaching.

Please look forward to several more engaging meetings focusing on our theme, a rank and status meeting in March 2014, and the FWA retreat in April 2014. In addition, you will have the opportunity to participate in our service project, which will be headed by Barbara Smith. Details will be coming soon.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings. We very much appreciate your support, participation, and association in this wonderful, enriching body of faculty members.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for Faculty Women’s Association, please feel free to contact me at halverson@math.byu.edu.

Denise Halverson
BYU FWA President
Professor, Department of Mathematics

Upcoming Events

20 November 2013, Wednesday
12 pm 3223 WSC
Women in the Bible
Camille Fronk Olson
Dept. Chair, Ancient Scripture

15 January 2014, Wednesday
12 pm 3228 WSC
The Religious Art of Carl Bloch, Henrich Hofmann & Frans Schwartz
Dawn Pheysey
Curator of Religious Art, MOA
sacredgifts.byu.edu
About Faculty Women’s Association

Mission Statement:
The purposes of the Faculty Women’s Association are:

* To support the mission of Brigham Young University;
* To promote solidarity and a sense of community among its members;
* To improve the quality of professional life for faculty women on the Brigham Young University campus; and
* Increase awareness of and sensitivity to gender issues at Brigham Young University.

Membership:
All BYU women faculty—both full-time and adjunct—are welcome in FWA.

Dues: One year = $15
Three years = $40

Dues cover two lunch meetings each academic year, plus additional presentations and refreshments.

How to Join: FWA offers three simple options for paying annual dues.

1. Online: https://commerce.cashnet.com/webagency, then select “Faculty and Staff Associations.”
2. Campus Mail: Print and fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and mail with a check to FWA Treasurer, Tomoe Witherspoon, at 3005C JKB, BYU.
3. In Person: Pay your annual dues at any of our FWA meetings.

FWA Board Members, 2013 – 2014

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*Newly elected in 2013 to the FWA Board.
On April 24, 2013, FWA members gathered for our annual Spring Retreat. This year’s theme was taken from Doctrine and Covenants 24:7: “For thou shalt devote all thy service to Zion; and in this thou shalt have strength.” Keynote speaker Sharon Samuelson addressed the theme by reflecting on her last ten years of service at BYU. The retreat also featured four excellent breakout sessions:

- **Jenni Wimmer**, “Teaching for Learning and Engagement”  
  Assistant Professor, Teacher Education

- **Cynthia Finlayson**, “The Many Worlds of Women in Islam”  
  Associate Professor, Anthropology

- **Rilla Hawkins**, “Moving from ‘Except Me’ to ‘Accept Me’”  
  Adjunct Faculty, Health Science

- **Wendy Ulrich**, “Weakness is not Sin”  
  Counseling Psychology & Special Education

**FWA Awards for excellence in citizenship, scholarship, and teaching were presented to:**

- **Beth Hedengren**, Associate Coordinator, Writing Across the Curriculum, Citizenship Award
  Beth Hedengren is an excellent faculty member who has contributed to BYU in many meaningful ways. For years, she coordinated the Writing Fellows Program and Writing Across the Curriculum. For ten years she was the assistant editor of the Writing Matters Newsletter and became the editor in 2009. She has dedicated her professional life to helping students and faculty improve their writing. She was selected for a BYU Part-Time Faculty Teaching Award twice and Honors Professor of the Year. Beth is also known for her scholarship. She has published three textbooks and has given upwards of twenty presentations at professional conferences. Beth earned both a B.A. and M.A. from BYU.

- **Jessica Purcell**, Associate Professor, Mathematics, Scholarship Award
  Jessica Purcell is an assistant professor in the Mathematics Department. She has a M.A. degree in Mathematics from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. in Mathematics from Stanford University. Jessica also did post-doctoral research for a year at the University of Oxford Mathematical Institute in England. Dr. Purcell’s vita lists 20 published articles and one book with several more articles in review. She has been awarded an NSF graduate fellowship, three NSF grants, and the prestigious Sloan Research Fellowship for her creative research and contribution to her field. The College of Physical Sciences and Mathematics gave her the Young Scholar Award in 2013, and in the Mathematics Department she has received both the distinguished teaching award and the distinguished scholarship award.

- **Allyson Washburn**, Assessment Librarian, Harold B. Lee Library, Citizenship Award
  Allyson Washburn’s education has prepared her for her several roles she has had as a librarian. Her Bachelor’s degree and Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science are both from BYU and she has two additional certificates in Media Services and Distance Learning. She first worked at the Harold B. Lee Library as the e-Learning Librarian. In this role she oversaw and coordinated the development of library services to learners beyond campus. Her efforts in this arena were recognized in 2003 by the American Library Association which awarded her the “SIRSI’s Leader in Library Technology Grant.” As the User Assessment Librarian she directs her efforts to assessment of library patrons’ needs of all kinds. She has not only set the example through her many presentations and publications but has invited others to be co-authors or presenters. Allyson has served on more than 17 library committees and in three professional library associations.
Ellie Young, Associate Professor, Counseling Psychology & Special Education, Teaching Award

Ellie Young is an Associate Professor in the Counseling Psychology & Special Education Department. She trains school psychologists for licensure and coordinates the graduate studies for her program. Dr. Young earned her Ph.D. in school psychology after working for nearly a decade as a school psychologist in Kansas and Missouri. Her extensive knowledge of the schools offers her students field-based experiences with meaningful applications. In 2005 and again in 2009 Dr. Young was voted School Psychology Professor of the Year by the program’s graduating school psychology students.

Recent publications from FWA members


Heise, B.A. Building Nursing Faculty Teams Using a Strength Focused Approach. 4-12-13. Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Research Conference. Anaheim, California. Poster Presentation


Peacock, Martha. Honors Professor of the Year, 2013.


Thursby, J. President-Elect of Phi Kappa Phi, Brigham Young University.


Wadham, Rachel and Jon Ostensen. Integrating Young Adult Literature Through The Common Core Standards. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2013.


*Asterisks denote student coauthors.
Membership Application and Dues

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Department: __________________________________________________

Campus Address: _______________________________________________

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Employment Status (please circle one):

- FT Faculty
- PT/Adjunct Faculty
- Administrative Staff
- Other ________

Dues: $15.00/academic year; $40.00 for three years

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Pay in person at any FWA meeting.