

Dean's Weekly
Department of English and Philosophy

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Past Events

1. On 15 October, English professor Dr. Patrick Gray presented a paper titled "Constancy and Pity in Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* and Virgil's *Aeneid*" at the Virgil and the Renaissance Conference, sponsored by the Accademia Nazionale Virgiliana di Scienze e Lettere in Mantua, Italy, in celebration of the 2012 Virgil Prize. The paper looked closely at famous similes from Virgil's *Aeneid* and Seneca's essay "De Constantia" alluded to by Shakespeare in *Coriolanus*, a tragedy about a great Roman general forced into exile by a people who no longer need him in a time of peace.



Dr. Patrick Gray at the historic Teatro Scientifico Bibiena, Mantua, Italy

2. On 16 October, the Department of English and Philosophy hosted a mixer for cadets enrolled in the Art, Philosophy, and Literature major. In addition to welcoming the sixteen new APL majors from the Class of 2015, cadets and faculty enjoyed the opportunity to mix and mingle over lunch in Cullum Hall. APL cadets also received an update on upcoming events and opportunities in the Department and major to include Cadet Fine Arts Forum activities, our ongoing collaboration with Vassar College, the Senior Thesis and Honors Program, and the possibilities of returning to the Department as a future instructor.



Department of English and Philosophy Faculty mingle at the APL Mixer

3. On 20 October, Colonel John Nelson of the Department of English and Philosophy presented a paper at the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association's annual conference at Seattle University in Seattle, Washington. His talk, entitled "'The dreams grew bitter': Lourdes Casal's 'The Founders: Alfonso' and the Chinese-Cuban Experience," examined how Cuban literary and historical documents capture the hardships faced by the Chinese indentured laborers brought to Cuba during the nineteenth century as well as their enduring cultural legacy on the island today.

4. On 20 October, the Department of English and Philosophy hosted its Fall Family Festival at West Point's Victor Constant Ski Lodge. The purpose of the evening was to allow faculty and family members to socialize, relax, and enjoy each other's company in the midst of a busy semester. The event featured a pot-luck dinner, numerous games and activities for children, and musical performances by CPT Barrett Ward and Ms. Kaili Markley, daughter of MAJ Charlie Markley and his wife Stacey.



CPT Barrett Ward entertains members of the Department of English and Philosophy



MAJ Harry Jones and DEP The Next Generation at the Fall Family Festival



Dr. Richard Schoonhoven, Ms. Elaine Walsh, Ms. Ellen Stoneham and COL Michael Stoneham at the DEP Fall Family Festival



DEP The Next Generation engage in an epic apple-bobbing contest at the Fall Family Festival



Families enjoy a performance by CPT Barrett Ward and Kaili Markley, age 14; it was Kaili's first public performance as a singer, and she wowed the crowd with "Hit the Road, Jack."

Future Event

On Monday, October 29th at 1930, the Jazz Forum will hold its second meeting of the semester in Lincoln Hall Room 222. The featured speaker, SSG Mark Tonelli of the West Point Jazz Knights, will present on "A Jazz Musician's iPod Playlist." SSG Tonelli's presentation will help members of the Jazz Forum understand his personal connection with the jazz tradition and how it informs his own performances and compositions.