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Presidential Search: **New Prospectus outlines Candidate qualifications** By Paul LeSage

The MCLA Presidential search committee has recently released an 18-page presidential Leadership Profile.

The prospectus includes the presidential job description and process, an overview of the college, a summary of Mary Grant's accomplishments, alumni development, a description of the college's economic impact on the area, student involvement on and off campus, and others.

The opportunities for leadership section outlines expectations for the new president. These include: Serve as a spokesperson for public education and the role of the public liberals arts college; Serve as the principal advocate for academic excellence, student access, and student success; Foster community connectedness, inclusion, and diversity; Advance a culture of collaboration and responsibility; Continue to push to expand the College's resource base; Steward the College's voice in the city, state, region, and beyond; and continue the strategic plan and prepare for the next cycle.

The 16 member search committee is strongly represented by the three members of the faculty: Christopher Himes, Education; Dana Rapp, Education, and Adrienne Wootters, Physics. The committee is co-chaired by Mohan Boodram and Susan Gold.

Other members include MCLA students Ama Bemma Adwetewa-Badu and Brendan Peltier: JD Chesloff; Rachel Churchill '06; Charles Cianfarini; Tom DeGray; Marianne Drake; and Shirley Edgerton '07. Also, Tyler Fairbank; Mary Ellen Olenyk; and Anne Perkins.

The profile can be found at http://www.mcla.edu/Assets/uploads/MCLA/About_ MCLA/President/MCLA%20Leadership%20Profile.pdf Grant Announces Faculty Center grant

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At a recent meeting between Mary Grant and the Faculty Center Advisory Board and other faculty, the president announced that she had created \$100,000 endowment designated for the future support of the Faculty Center. In the meantime, president Grant has allotted an additional \$4500 from college funds to immediately support the Center with funds for faculty development, programming, and other needs. Faculty members expressed their gratitude for the president's generosity.



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Mind's Eye now digitized

Many of us are familiar with recent issues of The Mind's Eye, MCLA's liberal arts journal. The 2013 issue contained articles by our colleagues, including Dale Fink on "Reconstructing the Classroom as if It Were a Preschool", Jennifer Zoltanski on undergraduate happiness and Nick Stroud on learning science. But did you know that the first The Mind's Eye was published in 1977 and that all copies of the Mind's Eye, from that time to the present, are available for reading online at the Internet Archive?

The first issue in January 1977 consisted of a single sheet of paper and one piece, a review of an article in the New York Times Magazine on systemantics, by the then library director Charles McIsaac. McIsaac wrote to a friend that The Mind's Eye: A Review of the Press was intended to be a monthly publication and "mini-mini Atlantic or Harper's in that it imitates the kind of thing they do, and it apes the New Yorker with drawings." It quickly became a biannual, then annual publication. Following the death of Charles McIsaac in 1984, issues were published in 1987 and 1989 and then not again until Fall 1997, when it was resurrected under the leadership of Tony Gengarelly. Since then, at least one issue has been published, except for 2010, every year.

From the beginning, college faculty, administrators, staff and alumini, as well as scholars from outside the MCLA community, contributed reviews, poetry, opinion pieces, original research and illustrations, and members of the editorial board have usually come from the ranks of the faculty. Early board members included Tony Gengarelly (History and Political Science), Steve Green (Sociology), Ellen Schiff (English) and then Harris Elder (English) and Bob Bishoff (English). Initially, contributions were short commentaries on new books or articles found in the popular press.

The April 1977 issue covered an interview with Joan Didion in the New York Times Magazine, an article on the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) in Change, the trans-Alaska pipeline in an article from Audubon, as well as additional commentary on articles from Harper's, the Atlantic, and the book Ethnicity: Theory and Experience (edited by Nathan Glazer and Daniel P. Moynihan.) The September 1977 issue however, included original scholarship, with contributions by Tony Gengarelly (writing on Sacco and Vanzetti) and physics professor Bill Seeley on our national energy needs.

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Clarion Call

Do you have a recent publication or have attended or will be attending a conference or involved with another scholarly or other legal activity? Please send info. to P.lesage@MCLA.edu. Deadline is December 5 for the next FCNL edition. Thank you kindly.

Faculty Center Events Calendar:

Wednesday, November 19, 2 p.m. Part-time Faculty Get-together

Wednesday, November 19, 2 p.m. Joy of Teaching: Information Literacy 3:00pm

Thursday, November 20, 12:00 p.m. Tea with TED

Thursday, December 4, 12:00 p.m. Tea with TED

Thursday, December 11, 2 p.m. Tea with TED

Friday, December 12, 3:30 p.m. Faculty Social

MCLA Series Presents Cheryl Jacques

GLBT Civil Rights Leader & Former Mass. Senator

Tues., March 3, 2015, 7 p.m. Murdock 218



The Line Up, Bennington, Vt.

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Changing of the guard, Lanesboro, MA

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Union Station: MCLA Association Officers 2014-15

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Mind's Eye Revisited

Not surprisingly, higher education has often been a topic of contributions to The Mind's Eye, but politics, the arts, the media, women's issues, human rights, economics and literature have been the subject of articles that reflect the varied interests of our faculty.

The Mind's Eye has been fortunate to have been able to publish contributions on a wide range of topics, from "Manuel Puig, Pedro Almodóvar and the Politics of Camp" by Graziana Ramsden, (Spriing 2003) and "Global Justice and the Absence of Universal Morality" by Paul Nnodim (Spring 2006) to "Psycholinguistics: To Be Taboo or Not to Be" by Tim Jay (Fall 2001) and "Vision and Blindness in Greek Tragedy" by Gerol Petruzella (Spring 2001).

At least two articles found their way into other publications, having been seen in The Mind's Eye. Thomas Mulkeen's (History and Political Science) article "Higher Education in the Coming Age of Limits" was republished in The Journal of Higher Education (1981) and Charlie McIsaac's editorial "Soccer in a Puddle of Water", about the investigation into corruption and fraud in Massachusetts public construction programs was picked up by the Boston Globe (1980).

Two special issues have been published: the 2013 The Mind's Eye focused on teaching and learning, while in 2007 The Shaping Role of Place in African-American Biography gathered together articles presented at the NEH-sponsored four-day conference of the same name held at MCLA in 2006. The conference was organized by Frances Jones-Sneed, who was guest editor of the special issue and is currently the managing editor of The Mind's Eye.

In 2013, it was suggested that all issues of The Mind's Eye, papers copies of which are held in the Freel Library archives, be digitized and made available for all to read. The digital files were uploaded to the Internet Archive, whose goal is to offer permanent and free access to historical collections that exist in digital format. I hope you can take some time to look at The Mind's Eye online. Perhaps you'll be inspired to contribute, as have many of your colleagues.

The 2014 edition of The Mind's Eye, soon to be published, is a commemorative issue. The 2015 edition, to be edited by Ely Janis, will focus on civil rights. For information on contributing to The Mind's Eye, please contact Frances or Ely. Links to all issues of The Mind's Eye can be found at http://mcla.libguides.com/localhistory/mindseye. Original copies of The Mind's Eye are kept in the Freel Library archives. Funding for this digital project was provided, in part, by the Hardman Library Grant.



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