

# Eye On Campus

## DelCo Welcomes Dr. Julie Gallagher

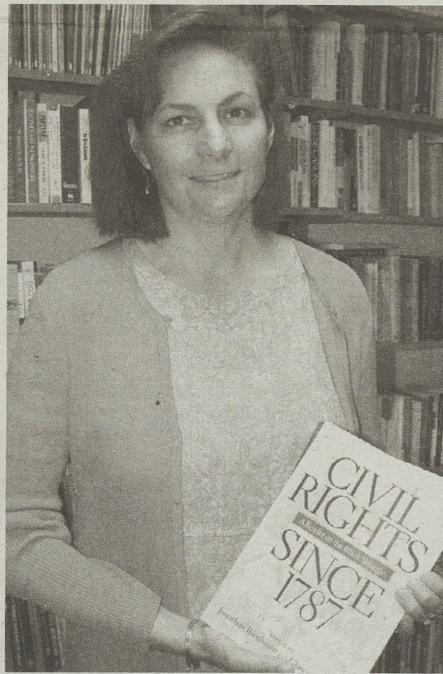
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Dr. Julie Gallagher is a native New Yorker, but she has lived and worked in a variety of places in the United States. She lived in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she taught at Antioch College. She also lived in Columbus, Ohio for some of her life. She came to Penn State, in general, because of the international reputation that Penn State has, plus she travels a lot and when she goes on her trips she sees Penn State students, or alumni's. Dr. Gallagher is very happy to be at our Delaware County campus - "The campus has a perfect blend of the big Penn State University, but also the warm and welcoming sentiment of a small college. In addition, I have the good fortune of arriving on campus on this 40th anniversary year. This anniversary year in particular, gives us a chance to take stock and appreciate all that's been accomplished in forty short years, and at the same time to think about how we as a dynamic intellectual community can engage with and shape the future." Additionally, Dr. Gallagher is looking forward to studying abroad with the students, but does not have the time to go this year. Dr. Gallagher taught on the high school level at one time as a U.S.

history teacher. She also taught at the University of Massachusetts as a professor of history, receiving her Ph. D in history at U. Mass. She received her Masters in education and history at University of Michigan, focusing her studies on economics, history, and education.

She loves to interact with her students and receive feedback from them on what they think about the class as a whole, what they think of the readings for class, and how the readings are going for each individual student. "I am especially interested in helping students grapple with the serious questions that history compels us to think about, namely the ways that people across the nation, locally and at a national level, have made decisions about political, economic, and social

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issues, about how the United States came to be the country it is today," Dr. Gallagher says.

Dr. Gallagher enjoys trying to help students when they are faced with trouble in the text or in the notes that they should be taking. She feels that students do not take the initiative to ask the teacher for help as much as they should, noticing that students are embarrassed to ask for help from their teachers if they need any clarification or any help understanding what is being expressed in the text. In the future if you take on of Dr. Gallagher's courses, I would suggest you take the time and take advantage of asking for her help.

Dr. Gallagher believes and states that, "History gives us tools to make sense of our world, today and

what the world was like in the past and how it has changed our current lifestyles." The knowledge that she gives and gains helps her shed light on some pressing questions in history. Whether she is gaining knowledge everyday from someone or she sharing knowledge everyday, Dr. Gallagher likes to make you think about the possible answers to her questions but has not been surprised by any of the questions asked by her current students.

Before she became a teacher, Dr. Gallagher had a job on Wall Street in a management training program. As well as a Masters in education and history, and a Ph. D in history, Dr. Gallagher has a degree in economics. She did not feel that Wall Street was her passion, so she found her passion in teaching.

However, she has visited the University Park campus. She is a die hard Yankees and Mets fan, which is believable knowing that she grew up in New York. She is trying to follow the Phillies and is adjusting to Philadelphia sports, but also roots for her home teams. Dr. Gallagher stated to me after class had ended, "I am going to try and root for my new home team, the Philadelphia Phillies."

## 40th Anniversary Faculty Forum : Dr. Markley

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Dr. Arnold Markley, an Assistant Professor of English, kicked off the first of the lectures for the 40th Anniversary of the campus on September 18th. His lecture, titled "The 40 Radical Novels of the Late 18th Century and the Roots of Modern Reform," showcased the beginnings of political discourse in the novel. Many of the issues from the 1960s were just actually beginning to be addressed in the 1790s. To supplement his lecture, Dr. Markley included a hand-out, of which he amusingly made forty copies of, listing the forty novels in his presentation and the years of publication. There were several amusing and interesting examples Dr. Markley chose to convey the time period's interest in issues like slavery, women's rights, and the softening of feeling to Judaism. One example of the beginnings of feminism was found in Mary Robinson's novel Walsingham; or, The Pupil of Nature, which featured two cousins, Walsingham and Sidney. Sidney, in essence, steals Walsingham's love interests, to his great annoyance. Later it is revealed that Sidney is a woman and Walsingham realizes he loves her and marries her.

To paraphrase Dr. Markley, this novel makes a strong statement as to who the best man is. This

novel may be of interest to others who might not have known of the author due to the attention that is yielded to the bigger Romantic-era names like Keats, Shelley, and Byron. Dr. Markley's focus on history's lesser known writers made the lecture interesting and fresh.

These lectures are open to all. The next one will be Dr. Stephen Cimbala's From "The Good Shepherd" to 9-11: 40 Years of Intelligence held on October 16th. These lectures, with the exception of Dr. Wayne McMullen and Mr. Joseph Biscontini's Shadows and Light and Dames in the Night: Film Noir, the 40s and Beyond, will be held at the Vairo lounge during common hour. Dr. Wayne McMullen and Mr. Joseph Biscontini's will be held at Main 101.

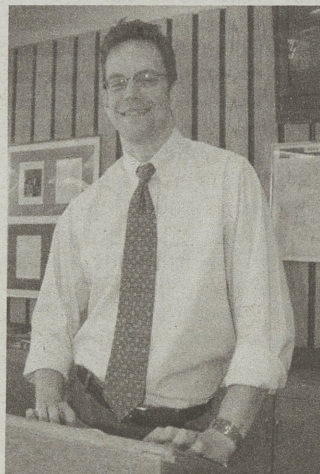


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## "ReUse A Shoe" Comes to DelCo

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Special to The Lion's Eye

Every year, there are thousands of sneakers that are thrown out and left in landfills. This is a waste of valuable materials that can be used for more productive means. Nike has introduced a new program called, "ReUse A Shoe." They will recycle old, worn out sneakers to create safe rubber playground surfaces for children. It is now one of Nike's longest running environmental and community programs. Since its start in 1993, two million pairs of sneakers have been recycled and contributed to more than 250 sport services. Nike is in partnership with Let Me Play, an organization into which Nike has invested \$315 million in community programs in order to provide youth with greater access to sport.

Nike's vision is to use these surfaces to provide opportunities to people with a passion for sports whose circumstances do not allow them to have access to the opportunities that we, at Penn State Delco, find so readily available.

The sophomores of the Cooper Honors Program at Penn State Delaware County have decided to take part in this community service project. During the week of October 8th - October 12th, drop boxes will be located at the Admissions Office (Main Building), Room 101 (Tomezsko/Classroom Building), Student Life Office (Upstairs Commons), and the Vairo Library (Upstairs). Also we will be collecting donations in the lobby of the Commons Building during common hour, throughout the week. All donated sneakers will then be shipped to Nike on Friday, October 12th, 2007. We would be honored if you would take part in this wonderful cause by donating old sneakers and encouraging your friends and family to join us in our efforts to make the world a better place, one pair of sneakers at a time.

With any questions or ideas, please contact James Woodruff at jbw5019@psu.edu.

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