

DEAN'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT



DEPARTMENT: CME

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DATE: 2 August 2019

Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. SOCOM Hackathon, 13-15 August
2. Astronaut Anne McClain lecture, 1 November
3. Dept. R&A, 4 November

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. Surgeons from the Orthopaedics Department at Keller ACH visited researchers at the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) on 25 JULY 2019 for a day of research collaboration and planning future research missions. They were joined by Cadet First Class Lynne Mooradian who is completing an AIAD at HSS working on biomedical research development.
2. On 24 July 2019, Drs. Greg Freisinger and John Rogers from the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering met with researchers at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New York City. Dr. John Handrakis (VA Research Health Scientist) is the principal investigator of a grant-funded research initiative with West Point to help improve the lives of people with spinal cord injuries.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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1. From 29 July to 10 August, MAJ Ben Sylvester (G&EnE) will lead four cadets on an AIAD to Iceland. While there they will conduct an analysis of Icelandic physical and cultural geography.
2. From 4-6 August, LTC Ben Wallen and CPT(P) Nathaniel Sheehan (both G&EnE) plus CDT Jesse Whipple (A/CIC SAME Student Chapter) will attend the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Post Leaders Workshop (PLW) in Bonita Springs, FL. They

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are attending as representatives for USMA for the SAME Student Chapter. A major goal of this event is to increase communication and interaction of the major military engineer producing schools, including AFIT, USMA, the Citadel, USAFA, and several more.

3. Dr. Matt O'Banion is attending the Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society in Thibodaux, Louisiana August 4th – 8th. He will present "Video-Based 3D Reconstruction of Indoor Environments," a collaborative research effort by CDT Arelena Shala, Dr. Matt S. O'Banion, COL Chris Oxendine, and LTC Will Wright (all G&EnE).

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1. From 24-28 July, Dr. Patrick Baker (G&EnE), attended the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Snowbird, Utah. He presented research related to the PEO Ammo Algae and Biofuels project, titled "Seasonal Development of Symbiotic Algae on the Carapace of the Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta*)". This was coauthored with Mr. Michael Mallon (AP Environmental Science teacher at James I. O'Neill High School) and CPT(P) Nathaniel Sheehan (G&EnE).
2. From 27 July to 2 August, CPT(P) Nathaniel Sheehan attended the Army Public Health Course in JBMDL, NJ. This provided an opportunity to reconnect with the Army Public Health community to increase potential for Cadet opportunities, guest lectures and potential research.
3. On 25 July, 23 staff and faculty within G&EnE, including all new instructors, went to NYC for the day to engage with the New York District of USACE. The day included a briefing of the extensive work USACE does in the region and concluded with an inspection of the NY Harbor done aboard one of the USACE vessels.

DEPARTMENT: History

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1. August 9-11th: USCC Gettysburg Staff Ride. USCC cadet leadership conduct a staff ride to Gettysburg. Department faculty will provide faculty to support historical analysis of different stands on the battlefield.

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2. August 6th: Developing a Teaching Philosophy. As part of the Department's Arriving Faculty Workshop, Dr. Cliff Rogers will lead a seminar designed to assist new instructors develop a teaching philosophy that suits them while complementing the Thayer method.

3. August 13th: HI 101/151 Introduction. New and returning instructors in the Department will receive a brief on the newest course in the department, The Army of the Republic, Leading Citizen-Soldiers, from the course director Prof. Kiesling.

4. August 12th: Department Strategic Review. Senior leadership will conduct a full day offsite trip to USMAPS to foster discussions of key department topics.

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1. July 25rd- August 1st: New Instructor Honorable Living Discussion. As part of the department's Arriving Faculty Workshop, new instructors lead discussions on teaching honorable living in the classroom.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences
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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 21 July – 9 August: XH397 (for-credit Summer field study) Cadets travel Belgium, France, and the UK studying Grand Strategy in these places of historic significance. Dr. Max Margulies leads the course and field study, along with MAJ Brian Vaeni of the Department of Social Sciences.
2. 6-9 August: SOSH Economics program conducts "Econ Boot Camp" during which senior faculty teach Microeconomic, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics to rotating faculty. The 4-day session further prepares faculty on models used during SS201 – Principles of Economics. Future faculty currently in graduate school also attend in order to build the team and inform the remainder of their graduate courses of study.

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3. 13 August: SOSH will conduct a senior faculty off-site in Highland Falls, NY. The day offers the opportunity to build the team and take stock just ahead of the new academic year. AAR comments from recently departed faculty will be considered throughout; group and break-out sessions will focus on the SOSH Research Lab initiative and Diversity.

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1. 30 July: SOSH conducted STAP III closeout for SS201 and SS202. There were no failures from either course, but significant evidence that the STAP II and STAP III overlap negatively impacted cadet's grades. These impacts were captured in an AAR that will be sent to Dr. Jim Dalton to help guide future STAP planning.
2. 30 July: SOSH hosted its Annual Department Head Reception in Cullum Hall. New instructors and veteran faculty members mingled on the veranda celebrating the completion of NIO practice teaches and reflecting on the honor and responsibility of teaching here at USMA.
3. 31 July: SOSH hosted its Annual Registrar's Potluck in front of Lincoln Hall. This highly anticipated event is held each year to recognize and thank the Registrar's Office for all of the work they do in assisting SOSH cadets and faculty throughout the year. This year we had a record breaking 45 people come out to eat food, play yard games, and meet the faces behind the phone calls and emails.