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## Government Department holds post-election discussion, ‘What Just Happened?’

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On Friday, November 11, the Government Department at Franklin & Marshall College held a post-election discussion featuring Professors Stephen Medvic, David Ciuk, Elspeth Wilson, and Jennifer Kibbe.

When the post-election panel was first announced last week, the department was preparing for a very small, brownbag discussion in the Academy Room of Shadek-Fackenthal Library. However, following the unexpected 2016 presidential election results, the event required re-location. The 200-seat Lisa Bonchek Adams Auditorium in Kaufman Hall where the noon panel appeared, overflowed with students, professors, professional staff, and administrators, resulting in frequent moans regarding insufficient amplification.

Though the discussion was always entitled “What Just Happened? Explaining the 2016 Election and Exploring its Consequences,” even prior to the election’s results, the reality of an approaching Donald Trump presidency appeared to fuel the room with a restive hunger for



Photo by Kimberly Givant

Professors Stephen Medvic, David Ciuk, Elspeth Wilson, and Jennifer Kibbe addressed large crowd in Kaufman Hall’s Lisa Bonchek Auditorium.

clarity. However the responses from F&M’s highly acclaimed political science experts overwhelmingly circled back to one definitive conclusion: “We don’t really know.”

The panel was introduced by F&M president Dr. Dan Porterfield, who over the past few days has been challenged with the task of trying to keep the campus as respectful and un-hateful as possible as colleges around the country erupt with painful division. Though investigations regarding an anti-Semitic drawing in an academic classroom and disrespectful messages towards the LGBTQ+ community on the protest tree at Franklin & Marshall are un-

derway, Porterfield, along with many other discussion participants, repeated the necessity that we continue “to be kind to one another” especially during this polarizing time.

The first on the panel to address the sizable crowd was Professor Stephen Medvic, who only a few weeks ago conducted a Common Hour talk in which he predicted a Hillary Clinton presidential victory. While he jokingly apologized for potentially misleading the student body, the political analyst elucidated what the election’s exit polls can communicate to those who are left baffled by the results.

“I’m afraid to say we know any-

thing anymore,” said Medvic, “But what we know is that partisanship matters.” There are obvious contributing factors that Medvic pointed to which led to a defeated Clinton, including a lower Democrat turnout, lower millennial votes, and lower non-white votes than in the 2012 Obama-Romney race. However, a guaranteed victory for Trump, as indicated by the exit polls, appeared to be sealed by two factors: one, being a belief that the country is on the wrong track and two, a desire for change no matter how largely unspecified and radical that change may be. Medvic admitted that what he found “most amazing” was that Americans were voting for the option of change regardless of its extremity or unpredictability. The fact that he’s not an insider politician brought Donald Trump an immense amount of success in this election.

Professor David Ciuk used his expertise in political research to speculate about why polls were “so off” this time. He did this by detailing three important aspects of the forecasting information by which polling models are constructed. The

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## English Department welcomes author Chang-rae Lee, gives annual Hausman Lecture

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This past Wednesday, F&M’s English Department welcomed this year’s Hausman Lecturer, author Chang-rae Lee. He lead an hour-long craft talk at the Writers House, followed by a lecture and book reading in the Roschel Auditorium, which was well attended by both students and faculty.

Lee is a Korean-American writer and has published his most recent novel, *On Such a Full Sea*, in 2014, in which he tells the story of a young woman traveling on a quest of sorts through dystopian America. Over the course of

her journey, Lee explores ideas of love, culture, and identity through the creative use of plural “we” narration. The novel was a finalist for the 2014 National Book Critics Circle Award, and he has also received the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for his debut novel, *Native Speaker*.

During the craft talk, students and faculty were encouraged to engage in conversation with Lee regarding different aspects his writing process and his work. Lee put forth a range of advice for his excited audience, and he encouraged rising writers to allow themselves to be surprised by their own writing. He ex-

plained that he approaches his writing like cave diving; saying that when he writes he can only see two feet ahead, and all he can do is follow a path and hope it leads somewhere. Sometimes the path leads to a dead end, but he says won’t know until you go and look. Lee explains, “This can be a scary way to write, but also a really fun way.”

As he wrote *On Such a Full Sea*, he explains that he had honestly no idea where his main character, Fan, was going or who she would find along the way. He says, “The literal discovery was good for me. It kept me in suspense as I wrote.”

In fact, Lee made very clear

during his lecture that his most recent novel was never actually meant to be dystopian at all. At the start, he wanted to create a piece that would document the struggles of factory workers living in small communities in China.

During his research in fact, he posed as an American Investor in order to tour a small factory town where the workers built small electrical motors. He was captivated by the young people who lived in these towns and the overall “texture of life there.”

However, after drafting over one hundred pages of his original

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## CRIME WATCH

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 12:51 a.m.:** DPS discovered a lost wallet with a controlled substance inside on West Frederick St.

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 1:26 a.m.:** DPS replied to a loud noise complaint on the third floor of Ware College House.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 10:07 a.m.:** A DPS officer assisted EMS with a non-student at 1136 Harrisburg Pike.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 5:20 p.m.:** DPS assisted EMS with an injured non-student at Race Ave.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 5:50 p.m.:** The theft of a flag on Thomas Hall was reported. The item was later recovered.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 9:33 p.m.:** DPS responded to a drug violation in the rear of New College House.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 10:28 p.m.:** DPS responded to a report of criminal mischief at Bonchek College House.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 10:44 p.m.:** DPS reported a drug violation at Ware College House.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 12:05 a.m.:** DPS reported a check on the wellbeing of a student on West James St.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 12:27 a.m.:** DPS assisted the Lancaster City Police Department with a stray dog on West James St.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 11:26 a.m.:** Signs of trespassing reported on the Baker Campus.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1:55 p.m.:** DPS assisted EMS with non-student in the 500 block of Race Ave.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2:29 p.m.:** DPS responded to the theft of a sign at Buchanan Park which was later recovered.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 4:17 p.m.:** DPS responded to a report of trespassing at 534 W James St. after a non-student was founding sleeping in the hallway of a residence.

**Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9:39 p.m.:** DPS responded to a fire alarm in Bonchek College House as a result of someone burning incense.

**Tuesday, Nov. 8, 11:42 p.m.:** DPS performed a medical assist for a sick student at New College House.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6:33 a.m.:** DPS responded to a vehicle break-in at the College Hill parking lot. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2:46 a.m.:** DPS performed a medical assist for an injured student at New College House.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11:36 a.m.:** DPS performed a check on the wellbeing of a student at Ware College House.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 3:20 p.m.:** DPS replied to a student reporting being harassed by fellow student at Thomas Hall.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 8:40 p.m.:** DPS responded to a vehicle break-in at the College Hills parking lot. A wallet was stolen.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 9:32 p.m.:** DPS replied to a loud noise complaint on first floor of Ware College House.

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:42 p.m.:** DPS responded to suspicious activity inside a classroom of LSP regarding a drawing on a chalkboard. An investigation is underway.

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:44 p.m.:** DPS assisted EMS on a medical call for a student at the Dining Hall.

## Lee: Korean-American novelist, writer of On Such a Full Sea, speaks at Roschel, Writers House

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novel, he found that his narrative was lacking something. He explained that to him, a novel isn't just "something to see or read, you need to feel it," and although his draft contained "solid journalism," it still lacked the spark to make it a novel.

As he worked through possible answers, he came across an old boarded up community in New York City and couldn't help but wonder why no one was allowed to live there.

He was desperate to understand, and began to wonder why someone did not just take the people from one of the environmentally decrepit villages in

China that he had seen, and just allow them to move into this neighborhood.

Granted, he admits this could never work in reality, but the idea became the catalyst that transformed his original novel documenting Chinese factory workers into *On Such a Full Sea*.

From there, his novel became focused on how a whole community can exists together while still feeling separate from the nation around them. Copies of his book are available both online and in most bookstores.

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## Government: Medvic, Ciuk, Wilson, Kibbe speak to large crowd on election results

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aspects can be broken down simply as "the things you know," "the things you know you don't know," and "the things you don't know you don't know" otherwise known as "correlated errors."

The first of these aspects include the things the pollsters know they can count on. For example, pollsters construct their models "knowing" that Vermont will go Democrat and Wyoming will go Republican. Voter turnouts in states like Nevada and New Hampshire are factors of the model pollsters know they cannot be certain about. However, the rural voter turnout in this election was a factor that pollsters "didn't know they didn't know," according to Ciuk's speculation. Ciuk recalled that during the election, when Virginia appeared to be "coming in extremely red," the political commentator James Carville noted that though Virginia would eventually go blue as the polling results from northern Virginia came in, the mistakes pollsters made not predicting the overwhelming "redness" in Virginia indicates that similar polling mistakes must have been made in North Carolina and Florida as well. These kinds of correlated errors proved fatal to the polls that predicted an overwhelming Clinton victory, according to Ciuk.

Instructor of Government Elspeth Wilson contemplated the future of the Supreme Court under a Trump presidency. Though immediately there may not be much disruption of the status quo, Wilson clearly pointed out that the aging Court could potentially result in a "heavy blow for the left." Wilson vocalized that more than ever we will need to watch how the branches of government interact, and whether the checks and balances system will lead to a showdown between the office of the president and the Supreme Court. Depending on the "Trump we get in office," there is the possibility, according to Wilson, that the Court, depending on how they protect themselves as an institution, could undermine the presidency if he were to get too radical.

As the foreign policy expert of the Government Department, Professor Jennifer Kibbe appeared concerned about Trump's apparent total underestimation of both "the complexity of the international trade system" and the "role of soft power." She noted that, perhaps to

Donald Trump's dismay, "The U.S. is the country that set up the entire international economic order after World War II for free trade" and that there's "not a chance in hell" China would ever respond positively to a Trump tariff renegotiation. According to Kibbe, if Trump holds the same kind of grudges he exhibited as a candidate and if the multitude of foreign policy experts that insisted Trump was unfit for the presidency choose to not work for him, the most qualified people may not hold advisory positions on foreign policy. Less qualified and more extreme foreign policy advisors could potentially take the place of the "obvious choices" in a Trump administration. Kibbe concluded, "I would like him [Donald Trump] to take GOV130 [Introduction to International Politics, Foreign Policy; required for all Government majors]," which was met with laughs.

The panel was met with dozens of questions and the majority of the room even stayed past the hour to hear the rest of the discussion. There were questions that ranged from asking about the assault and fraud cases against Trump, to asking about the threat to the American system, to international students asking about their future in the United States and whether the working and students visas could be vulnerable under President Trump.

One impassioned student addressed the room when she was called on: "Those of you who voted for Donald Trump are selfish... I voted for a candidate who didn't fully represent me, but I thought of other people. I thought about how they would be affected." She continued, "At least under Hillary Clinton we would know what we could expect" and would know that the basic human treatment of others would be in place instead of having to guess who Donald Trump will represent and which "flip-flop" version of him we will get in office.

When one concerned attendee asked the unsure panel, "What is the silver lining of all of this?"

Another remember of the crowd responded and concluded the discussion by saying, "We are. We are the silver lining."

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Staff Writer Commentary

Opinion Editor preaches communication, education following 2016 election

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It happened. It’s difficult to articulate or summarize the election in any more detail than that. The fear of millions of American citizens became a reality, Donald Trump will be the next President of the United States. At this point in time, we are living at a moment in which America is dangerously divided. African Americans, women, Latinos, LGBTQ+ citizens, Muslims, and so many other groups of Americans are feeling marginalized, fearful, and defeated. I am not a member with any of these groups; I cannot identify with these groups. I’m a white middle-class male.

Trump’s presidency and ideologies aren’t going to directly affect on me and they won’t affect millions more who are in a similar situation to myself. But, this is much bigger than me, this is bigger than the white middle-class men of the world. I believe this is a point in time in which people’s true character will be revealed. I hope many Americans can empathize with and support those who need it most right now. So many people are suffering and struggling to understand how this is even possible and what it means for their futures.

I think the result of this election comes down to a few factors: racism, anger, and ignorance. In my opinion, you’re a fool if you think America’s racist tendencies are a thing of it’s past. Racism occurs every day. Plenty of white people appear blind to this fact simply because they are not daily witnesses to it. There are American citizens who feel threatened by minority groups like immigrants, who are simply trying to thrive in a new nation like my European ancestors did. America has a very unique darkness looming over it. There is a faction dividing well-off white citizens from struggling minorities and black Americans.

There is a specific plight minorities face, and many working class white citizens are too naive to understand that. This lack of understanding leads to the diminishment of compassion and a rise in racist tendencies. I think one of the greatest dangers in front of us revolves around the fact that many people fear looking outside the confines of their own existence. To understand someone different than you, one must subordinate him or herself. People are selfish, and instead turn to establishing divisions filled with anger, dislike, and distrust. What develops is an “us versus them” mentality. It isn’t just restricted to race. It even

goes beyond liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats. We’ve developed such a horrifying divide, as perpetuated by the media, and the problem is only getting worse. Hatred seeps into our mantras. Hatred strikes a damaging blow to this country and its people.

Donald Trump gave angry, working class white people the voice they felt they’ve been “denied” for years. He isn’t a politician to them, he’s a God, the second coming of Christ. To speak rawly, Trump is a complete jerk, but he’s not an idiot. He knew how to manipulate this very specific class of Americans and how to fuel their bigotry for votes. He embraced their ignorance and used it as a tool to foster an entire presidential campaign. This voice of ignorance has always been there. It’s nothing new. But, for years there has never been a candidate who was willing to not only strengthen, but even embrace, the ignorance and divisive tendencies that are cancerous to America simply to win.

I was shocked, sad, and even angry. How can we grow as a nation, practice compassion and understanding, if over half the country is devastated and horrified by its leader? I wish I could offer a profound solution or even direction as to where we go from here. I don’t really have one.

However, I definitely think the first step we need is to remain strong. Furthermore, we have to remain kind and dedicated to mending the stark divide in this country. Donald Trump represents a very specific population of the American people. For those of us who “know better,” we must unify and try to grow intellectually and empathetically. If you take anything out of this article, let it be to show a deep interest in the lives of those who differ from you. Talk to them, listen to them, help them. For the people you know who voted for Trump, take the high road and try to start a discussion with them. I was devastated, but furthering hatred will not change anything. Some people voted Donald Trump for a reason, and it very well could have been due to a lack of social and racial awareness.

We must try our best to humanize them and to even educate some of them. We have a long way to go, but for now, Trump is our next president. If we break the chains of ignorance and make a concerted effort to open our hearts to *all* American people, we will have a far different result in 2020.

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Writer addresses issue of current political polarization, 2016 presidential election

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You are a Democrat or you are a Republican. You are liberal or you are conservative. You believe in climate change or you do not believe in climate change. In 2016 our nation is not a healthy mix of people with different ideologies spread equally across the political spectrum. Rather, we live in a polarized nation where we too often hold directly opposing views from one another and cannot respect each other.

Polarization is the intense division of two opposing parties; it is a situation in which two groups have such strong opinions that they are unable and unwilling to understand the opinions of the opposite side or make compromises. While we have seen this phenomenon in different ways throughout history—the north versus the south over the issue of slavery, women versus men over the issue of women’s suffrage—we have reached a point where we cannot no longer avoid scrutinizing the negative effects

that this political polarization has had and is having on the United States. The current state of polarization encompasses more than just two disparate groups. It has lead to and is inclusive of increased violence, racism, sexism, riots, and shootings across the nation.

The causes of this intense polarization certainly include media influences, manipulation from the government, and the pure existence of political parties, and while I could talk on about the reasons for this situation, I think my space is best used discussing how political polarization influenced the 2016 presidential election and what we can do about it.

When people are polarized, they tend to associate themselves with people who share their views and values; they often would rather confirm their own opinions than consider those of an opposing group of party. In my experience, many people avoid discussing politics with people who do not share their opinions due to fear of disagreement or of starting an argument. The problem is that people

have been forced into a position of polarization due to the government and the positions of certain elected officials or candidates for certain positions. When people are voting for one of two candidates who have completely opposing ideals, they often must choose one or the other.

In my opinion, as a country, we are sick of this polarization, we are sick of being manipulated by the government and of being told we have a voice when too often, we do not. We want change, and we want it fast. Trump does not fit into either polarized category. He is certainly not a democrat, and although he associates himself with the Republican party, he is not the traditional republican candidate with conventional principles. He talks about making tangible changes, about altering the government, about using extremist methods in order to reshape our nation. People are sick of the polarization; they think that if we shake up our country, if we reinvent the American dream, much of this polarization and intense hatred for people of

other groups will dwindle. So, they voted for Trump.

Hillary Clinton was a traditional democratic candidate. She believes in women’s rights, in supporting people of low economic standings; she supports gay marriage, and she understands that climate change is not a hoax. She is a politician. She is a lawyer. She served as senator and as secretary of state. She checked the boxes. She was more than qualified to be president. For Donald Trump, we cannot say the same. He has never held a public political office in his life. He is a business man. Many people knew this as they walked to the polls to vote. I think that people understood that Clinton had all the credentials to become president; they understood that understood what she was getting herself into. Yet, the majority did not vote for her. And for all the reasons listed above - because she is qualified, because she is a politician and has had experience, because she is traditional. She was not going to “shake things up” like

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Staff Writer Commentary

Polarization: Intense division illuminated by election, U.S. must work harder as united nation

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they thought Donald Trump would. She was not going to be different enough to alter the inner-workings of the government. With our country in this state of immense disaccord and opposition, Hillary Clinton stood little chance against someone so different, so radical, so under-qualified, and yet so appealing to many.

Had Bernie Sanders beaten Clinton in the primaries and was running against Trump, I think he would have won by a landslide. He was also radical, he was different, he was not your conventional democratic candidate. He was not seen as the racist, sexist, bigoted man that Donald Trump appears to be. He is the moderate radical, if you will, that this country and its people were looking for.

In the primaries, the democratic party took a conservative stance. I do not mean conservative in a republican sense, I mean it in a traditional sense. They chose a

candidate that was like many that had come before her in her beliefs, in her proposals, in her attitude toward the country. They chose her over Bernie Sanders who was the different, radical choice. The republican party; however, went with the extreme candidate. Instead of supporting a more moderate John Kasich, republicans across the nation thought Donald Trump ought to be the nominee. I am not going to get into why the democrats chose more traditionally, while the republicans did not; however, I think it is an interesting phenomenon.

Essentially, Donald Trump won the presidency because he was running against a customary democratic candidate with a long-established reputation in the political world.

I am not one to argue that polarization is not an issue in the United States. It certainly is, and it certainly has been for a while.

However, I do not think a vote for Hillary Clinton was a vote for

polarization. I think a vote for Hillary Clinton was a vote for progression in our country, a vote for female empowerment, a vote against racism, sexism, homophobia. A great majority of the populace, according to polls, wants a unified country. Yes, a unified country arises from decreased polarization. Yes, Hillary Clinton shares many of Barack Obama's ideals which are democratic and traditionally so. However, electing someone, voting for someone, racist and sexist just for the purpose of decreasing polarization is an ignorant and nearly moronic action to take. And while I understand that people have other reasons for voting for this man, it is unacceptable to use the idea of wanting of less polarization as one of them.

Even if you do not think you voted for Trump for this reason, I challenge you, looking at the definition to rethink your reasoning. Because I suspect that whether directly correlated or not, many people voted for Trump because of the current state of political polarization in the United States.

When voting in this particu-

lar election, I believe that it was important to look past political polarization to a certain extent. It is going to take more than a radical president to alter people's opinions. It is going to take a more unified society which can only arise from a positively influential, progressive president. People need to be voting for the president who will have the most positive influence on the United States—inclusive of the people, the environment, relations with other countries—rather than someone who is appealing because he seems different.

Alas, Donald Trump will be our president because we, the people, elected him to office.

Now, friends, we are going to have to work together harder than ever, we are going to need to fight for unity; we have the responsibility of ensuring our country is not only advancing and forward-thinking but also safe and inclusive.

If our president is not behind us, we must back each other.

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Staff writer urges fellow liberals not to be saddened to point of apathy, inaction

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I'm not quite sure what to say. Donald Trump will be our next president. Hillary Clinton may see a special prosecutor send her to the "big house," rather than living in the White House. We may start building a wall on our southern border next year.

Soon enough, Roe v. Wade will be overturned, and abortion will be illegal. The same goes for marriage equality: a conservative Supreme Court, appointed by another ultra-conservative like Scalia instead of the moderate Merrick Garland (who will now never be confirmed, which was a brilliant but extraordinarily cynical move by Senate Republicans), will declare same-sex marriages unconstitutional, and all existing ones legally null and void. Obamacare will certainly be repealed, perhaps it is even likely that it will be repealed on Trump's first day as president.

Rather than electing our first female president, there is a non-zero chance that we have elected our last president. I cannot emphasize this enough: Trump is an unstable man, and he will be in charge of our nuclear weapons, and he may very well use them. Also, given that the GOP now has total control over Congress, the presidency, soon the Supreme Court, and a historic

number of governors' mansions and state legislatures, Trump will wield total political control. Some may argue that "principled" Republicans in the House and Senate will oppose him.

First, I would ask: are there any left? I would also argue that partisanship has developed to the point that the House Republicans and Senate Republicans will generally follow his leadership whatever that may be. In addition, due to winning the presidency (he lost the popular vote, so in my opinion he did not really win, as Bush did not really win in 2000, but I digress), he has a sort of mandate, and many Republicans will go along with him due to that.

Many Republicans who did not support him, or whose support was tepid at best, may face primary challenges, or even see themselves removed from their positions. Even Paul Ryan may not survive, if the Freedom Caucus challenges his speakership.

Democrats did make modest gains in the House and Senate. And, again: Democrats won the presidency in terms of the popular vote. The electoral college is obviously obsolete and undemocratic, and abolishing it should be a top priority of the Democratic Party.

We should not doubt our progressive, liberal principles: indeed, we should double down on

them. But, white working class people felt abandoned or betrayed by the party, and this must be addressed. Hillary Clinton did run a poor campaign, and in retrospect it was likely one of the worst in modern times. Perhaps a candidate who could more genuinely connect to working people would have done better. Yet speculating over whether Bernie Sanders would have won the presidency (I suspect he would have) is just idle speculation.

We need to focus on how to move forward from here. We must acknowledge that while many Trump supporters are truly vile, and deplorable, many of them, I'm sure, are good people. We need the Democrats to abandon neoliberalism, and move in a bold, leftwards direction. We need to appeal to those who elected Trump, for I suspect they may have buyer's remorse before too long (though I wonder how they sleep at night, and deal with their conscience in making that almost certainly disastrous choice of electing that monster).

Don't be saddened to the point of apathy and inaction over this: I want you to get mad, and get ready to fight, if you aren't enraged and fighting already. Don't compromise, don't surrender; otherwise Trump will truly have won. If Trump and the Republicans are honest in reaching out and implementing good policy, only then should we cooper-

ate. Otherwise, turnabout is fair play. The obstruction of Merrick Garland, in particular, was horribly unprecedented. But now there is a precedent for blocking Supreme Court justices. I'm thinking some payback there will be wise, very soon; hear Trump's appointee out, then suggest that the hearing shows their disqualification to be a justice, and simply filibuster the choice. Do not let Trump, the Tea Party, and the Republicans do any damage; at the very least we must restrict it as much as possible, especially if it infringes on our Constitutional rights.

Any Democratic official who does not understand this does not deserve to hold office.

Don't give in and don't give up, my friends. America has been through dark days before, and though we may soon go through the worst time in our history, with effort and luck, we shall overcome.

A conversation I just had by the F&M protest tree has given me some hope that, despite incidents of horrific intolerance and hatred even here, we can at least agree to work together to make America, not "great again" as Trump would say, but better than it was before; a kinder, more just, more loving place.

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Contributing Writer Commentary

Contributing writer takes feminist stand towards election, urges Millennials to be vocal participants

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In recent years, it seems like there has been an increasing amount of support for the feminist movement. The word is more widely used, and more men are chiming in to give their support to the cause. This has appeared to correlate with a wider, revisited equality sentiment, even reflected in our own government. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled to legalize gay marriage. College campuses and the judicial system have been honing in on rape culture. And most prominent of all, 2016 ushered in the possibility of the very first female president, Hillary Clinton.

From the first whisper of Hillary for president, I have been one of her most adamant supporters. I have been to two of her rallies, one in 2008 and then again in 2016, where I had the privilege of shaking her hand. When I tell people this, someone inevitably feels the need to inform me that “supporting Hillary because she is a woman is just as sexist as refusing to supporting her because she is a woman” as if I

haven’t heard this before.

I continuously reply with, “I don’t support her because she is a woman. I support her because she is pro-equality and pro-women. There’s a difference.” Even with Hillary’s progressive standpoints and extensive experience in fighting for equality, many Democrats have refused to support her. Even further, many women have refused to support her. I find it hard to believe that this has nothing to do with the construction of gender in American society.

What I have found extremely interesting about this election is the dichotomy between the two candidates. Not only did the first female candidate for president lose, but she lost to a remarkably sexist candidate, in my opinion. The pro-gender equality, pro-LGBTQ+ rights, pro-reproductive rights, pro-racial equality candidate lost to the extremely backwards-thinking, anti-reproductive rights, stereotype-spouting, derogatory-name-calling candidate who has bragged about sexually assaulting women and has been accused by many women of doing so. We are clearly enduring a culture war, espe-

cially in relation to perspectives on gender. These two candidates represent the polarizing perspectives on equality. On one hand, Americans, particularly Millennials, are very progressive and idealistic in terms of equality from what I’ve observed. Another sector of the American public seems to feel betrayed by this progression and has found hope in the promise of digression that the Trump campaign symbolizes.

The biggest question I have grappled with after watching the election results is: How could a woman bring herself to vote for Donald Trump?

When Trump-supporting women are asked this question, they often try to find some justification for the anti-woman sentiments Trump has expressed or shrug it off as harmless. Trump’s campaign itself justified internalized sexism by calling his confession of the sexual assault of women “locker room talk.” I remember sitting in front of my T.V. the first time I heard this” justification” wondering how anyone could think this kind of “locker room talk” is warranted. The concept of “locker room talk” suggests that men can justifiably objectify women so long

they do so in the company of other men. Even if Trump’s statements were completely false, the sentiments themselves are sexist and are reflections of the rape culture in American society. Women had the opportunity to stand up for themselves with their votes, and many chose not to.

Before the election results came in, I felt as though the majority of Americans agreed with my feminist, pro-equality sentiments. Now I realize that this is not the case. The election of Donald Trump seems to be a reflection of the true colors of the American people, calling for the hindrance of societal progression and the acceptance of internalized sexism. Now more than ever, American politics needs women’s voices to be heard. We cannot let politics continue to be the boys club it has been thus far, and we have to hold our leaders accountable for the sentiments that they preach. Hillary Clinton has done her part to break the glass ceiling, now it’s our turn, as Millennials, to shatter it.

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Writer calls for post-election unity, end of mutually perpetuated stereotypes by Trump, Clinton supporters

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Watching the presidential election results pour in the night of November 8 and early into the morning of November 9, all I could think of was *how*? This morning, I came across an article that really made me wonder *why*? (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/09/hillary-clinton-failed-to-win-over-black-hispanic-and-female-vot/>). Then, after seeing the intense reactions so many people on the Franklin & Marshall campus, from students and even professors and members of the faculty, it really made me think.

In my opinion, this presidential race was one of the closest races we have ever had for the candidacy and regardless of who would have won, there would have been a major upset for one half of the country. Regardless of the results of the election, both parties had flaws. Both had great goals and both had some not so great goals. Both believed in great things and both believed in some questionable things. It all depends on how you look at it and how you look into it. That being said, the results of this election bring about a great

opportunity for Americans to exercise the rights we are entitled to by being democratic citizens. Regardless of who is currently president, who will be the president in the future, or even who has been the president in the past, it is up to us to make changes and bring progress. It is up to every citizen of the United States to fight for what they believe in.

I think Gregory Mankiw, a Professor of Economics at Harvard University, put it really well in the documentary, *Before the Flood*: “If we want to change the President’s view [...], you have to change the public’s view [...] Politicians, whether we call them our elected leaders, are really our elected followers. They do what the people want them to do. We need to preach to the American people. Once the people are convinced, the politicians will fall in line very quickly.”

It is the president’s job, the president’s duty, to take action and support the ideas that the majority of the population supports. Not only is it his or her job to *listen*, but it is ours as well. We need to *listen* to each other. We need to *discuss*, not just defend.

While watching Election Night on NBC last night, Glenn Beck pointed out how he is ques-

tioning himself and how others should do the same. He brought up how the media and the news outlets have not been successful in doing their job during the election, which is to stand neutral and convey the policies each candidate stands for. Instead, what was conveyed was more about *the person* and not the policy. It became an outlet of attack, disapproval, and hatred. ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/glenn-beck-we-dont-listen\\_us\\_5822bf78e4b0d9ce6fbfdb8](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/glenn-beck-we-dont-listen_us_5822bf78e4b0d9ce6fbfdb8); <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/09/arts/television/after-this-election-can-the-media-recover.html>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnhDfWieEXk>) I believe the reason why the majority of the nation has been left in a state of shock, disbelief, and confusion today is because we didn’t listen to each other. We only defended ourselves by finding fault in others.

Throughout this election, an environment of hostility and hatred was created, so much so that instead of discussing our beliefs and stances with others, many voters resorted to keeping to themselves. Let’s face it, it’s much easier to just “smile and nod” than to be attacked to the point of defeat. And let’s be honest, we haven’t truly created

a “safe space” for peers and ourselves, for everyone, to express themselves. We have created many safe spaces for those who support Senator Clinton and the way in which she planned on accomplishing certain goals. However, I don’t think it is valid to say that we have created a safe space for Trump supporters or more generally, Republicans on campus. This election is special in that just because someone is affiliated with a particular party, doesn’t mean they actually support the candidate representing that party. From the beginning it has been said how people are going to vote. Last night, news sources continued with the theory that many of the votes for Trump, if not the majority of the votes for Trump, came from those who didn’t necessarily support him, but greatly disapproved of Senator Clinton. In addition, it appeared that many who voted for Trump, were not voting for him, but rather were voting for the Republican Party.

The same can be true for those who voted in favor of Senator Clinton. It’s not that they were voting for her, but were voting against him or voting for the Democratic Party in general.

Contributing Writer Commentary

Unity: More “safe,” totally inclusive spaces necessary for liberals, conservatives to equally express themselves

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Therefore, millions of us have been stuck in between a rock and a hard place. That being said, if you or someone else is offering up a “safe space,” or a judgment free zone to discuss politics (which is much easier to say than to enforce), it’s essential that *total* inclusivity is actively implemented. It should be space where Clinton supporters, Trump supporters, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and those just dazed-and-confused are able to speak their minds and be heard, where conversations and discussions can really take place.

Regardless of who the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States of America is, life will continue on. As Barack Obama stated yesterday, “no matter what happens, the sun will rise in the morning and America will still be the greatest nation on earth” (<https://twitter.com/BuzzFeedNews/status/796148721075376128> ). We must remember that regardless of who is president, Americans will *always* and *have* always held the right and responsibility to fight for what they believe in in a *civilized, productive, and non-violent* manner. If you believe strongly in something, now is the time (more than ever) to vocalize it to your communities and to the government. However, we must do so while treating each other with respect and kindness.

Right now, our country is a divided nation. Instead of focusing on personalities, we need to start focusing on policies. We need to push for the policies that will make our nation stronger and more united. Most importantly, we need to make sure these policies and ideologies are carried out and portrayed in the most effective, efficient, and civilized way possible. Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion and has a right to express it without feeling attacked. It is because they feel unsafe and cornered that people don’t share their opinions. However, the only way we can grow and learn is by hearing others and giving them a chance to say why they believe what they believe.

We need to listen to *everyone’s* stories. We often get caught up in the media because that is the easiest and most readily available way for the majority of us to stay tuned into what is happening in our country. As a liberal arts student, I have been told over and over again to always question, to never just accept something

because everyone else does. We tend to just assume everything being said is true, but if we truly have our best interest in mind, we need to do our research. Politics also requires doing our homework. This research and self-discovery of facts is what allows us to form our own educated opinions and viewpoints. These types of opinions and the appropriate actions that follow are those that actually facilitate change that can ultimately better our country and ourselves. So, I challenge you to do this. I challenge you to *listen* to others, to educate yourselves based on *facts*, not fiction. An A+ essay would never rely on one source to support an argument and our beliefs shouldn’t be one-sourced and narrow either.

It is not right to assume someone is uneducated, racist, sexist, homophobic, or anti-Islamic just because they are a Republican or a Trump supporter. Nor is it right to assume that someone is an absent-minded, ignorant, untrustworthy, anti-American, socialist, liar just because they are Democrat or a Clinton supporter. In doing this, you are contributing equally to the perpetuation of stereotypes. We cannot stoop to that level any longer. Everyone has families and friends to care for and protect. Once we listen and understand one another, we can take action and facilitate change on a united front. For those who are upset, you are allowed to be and I understand why you are. But what you should not feel is defeat. We were not built on defeat. Our country does not accept defeat. We are a nation built on trust. We need to continue to hold this trust in ourselves and each other. It is our responsibility to not only hold ourselves to the highest standards, but also hold each other and the nation as a whole to the highest standards. It is our job to hold each other accountable, especially in times of such distress.

We must not forget that America is the land of the free and home of brave. We have always come out on top and we will continue to do so. We must continue to be the productive nation that we strive to be, one that others respect and turn to in times of need. This is not the time to stop fighting for what America needs. The fight has only just begun.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of *The College Reporter* & the entire F&M community:

I am writing in response to the anonymous letter published last week in *The College Reporter*. I want to thank the student for writing, as well as inform the community that we have taken action regarding the concerns she expressed. I want to express my regret to her for the difficult experience she had in applying for her leave of absence and her engagement with her dean and the College’s mandatory reporting responsibilities. To that end, we have made substantive changes to the College’s mandatory reporting form, have advised mandatory reporters of those changes, and reconfirmed mandatory reporter responsibilities through an email sent to FPS this past Friday.

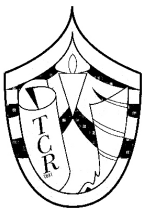
I also want to assure the student and the community that the College has processes in place for those students applying for, or returning from, a personal or health-related leave that are sensitive to each individual’s particular circumstances. We will work to make sure we are communicating those processes more effectively when students are utilizing leaves of absence for personal or health-related reasons.

Again, I am grateful to the student for bringing these concerns forward.

Sincerely,

Dean Hazlett

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# Campus Life

## Darren Ranco talks environmental issues on Native American reservations

BY SARAH FRAZER  
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This past Thursday, Darren Ranco, a professor of Anthropology and the Coordinator of Native American Research at the University of Maine, came to speak to F&M for this week's Common Hour. His presentation focused on the ways in which Native Americans deal with environmental issues, particularly in the context of working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other government agencies. Ranco explained that indigenous tribes have special research methods that are in line with and respect their respective cultural beliefs.

Ranco began his talk by identifying the severe impact colonization has had on the health of Native American tribes as well as the land on which they live. Indigenous communities have specific scientific and cultural concerns regarding the environmental degradation that has occurred since colonization, and there are numerous statistics that highlight negative health effects indigenous communities have experienced.

It is true, as Ranco pointed out, that native people come from some of the poorest and sickest communities in the country. Moreover, Native Americans have the lowest life expectancy of all races.

Fortunately, Ranco said, there are things Indigenous people can and are doing to "reorient [themselves] after colonization," which undoubtedly includes rejuvenating and restoring the environment. In terms of decolonization, "there's definitely a process to reaching it," according to Ranco, but it is difficult because of forced integration. Ranco stressed that it is more than simply reversing

the effects of colonialism, as how the indigenous people respond to environmental deterioration now "marks how [they] want to do so culturally." Indigenous peoples have largely responded by using their own methods. Ranco surmised that "you'd think people who have been researched as much as native people would have their lives be better." Since this is not the case, native research methods are preferable, since "it is about helping them."

Ranco spoke in particular about his Native tribe, the Penobscot Indian Nation, who live in Maine. He explained that they were a unique tribe in that they had not been forced to relocate, like many other remaining Native American tribes. Yet, the Penobscot still were not protected, as a paper company was discharging toxins into a nearby river, which hurt the health of the fish population. While the Native people felt the health effects of the pollution, the EPA was unaware because they had been tracking the community's environmental impact based on a suburban lifestyle, where people typically ate food from the supermarket. This way of calculating risk assessment is problematic to say the least, Ranco said. This is because the environmental risk can be over 100 times greater, depending on how one lives in and interacts with the environment.

For instance, Ranco demonstrated, indigenous researchers knew that "most Native hunters use traditional means of hunting," rather than new ones, so they studied the change in a hunter's air inhalation rate, as he hunted, to measure the effects of air pollution. In this case, younger hunters' breathing rates increased when they were about to shoot a deer; whereas, older, more experienced hunters became calm and



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**Darren Ranco, Professor of Anthropology and the Coordinator of Native American Research at the University of Maine, spoke on tribal environmental health.**

their rates went down. This example shows just how complicated studying the environmental impacts on indigenous communities is, since the EPA study always defaults to the suburban model.

Ranco underscored that the goal was to protect everybody, not only the average, since those whose fish consumption is above average are those who probably are also Native language speakers. And protecting those people is essential to protecting the values of the indigenous population.

Luckily, Ranco reported, the indigenous researchers and EPA "really [found] a way to work together." They established a "health and well being paradigm," which allowed them to redefine health from a Native perspective, in a way that respected the values

and beliefs of the Native tribe.

Ranco, and those with whom he worked, were able to leave a positive legacy, so that many tribes have been able to address these sorts of issues and talk about the health of their own communities. Ranco concluded that the values they used to work together and find solutions are "the kinds of values you get in kindergarten," and that most everyone he worked with, scientists and policy makers, had an open mind and was not defensive. Ranco observed, partially reflecting on the current political climate of the country, that "maybe bringing together different perspectives can help us to heal."

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## Professor Marion Katz presents on jealousy, masculinity in Islamic tradition

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This past Thursday, Marion Katz, a former visiting professor at Franklin & Marshall College, and a current professor at New York University, came to the Weis College House Great Room to discuss masculinity in Islamic tradition.

This talk was part of the Islam, Gender, and Sexuality series on campus. Her talk was more focused on Islamic ethics than it was on text. It explored patterns of behavior, old stories, and com-

ments by Islamic scholars. According to Katz, jealousy in the context of Islam is a response towards romantic and sexual possessiveness. The purpose of her talk was to explore that tradition and determine how it relates to masculinity, and in turn, how it manifests itself in Islamic social life.

According to Katz, jealousy in Islam pertains to one's instinct to guard what specifically and exclusively belongs to them. It is different from the Western concept of jealousy in that it varies from envy, which is the longing

for what belongs to others.

Given that femininity is associated with humility, while masculinity is associated with valor and honor, this creates a gendered association with jealousy. In order to maintain one's honor, it is important to maintain a possession over what is theirs. As Katz states, this is what creates a disdain for the other; the fear that the other will interfere with personal success. But it does not stop there. Jealousy also serves to protect the family's honor. In fact, it is seen as weak to be passive and to ignore one's jealousy.

Katz introduced the audience to three influential Islamic scholars to address this topic. To Abū Hāmid al-Ghazālī, for example, jealousy is a praiseworthy trait because it was given by God in order to allow someone to protect what is theirs. Additionally, Islamic men are socially conditioned to believe that passivity is "stupid" and that anger is "masculine." Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya takes a different approach to jealousy. He believes that jealousy is essential to one's relationship with God.

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## Islam: Western concepts of jealousy differ from jealousy in relation to masculinity in Islamic tradition

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Jealousy is intended to expel ethical impurities. Likewise, he stated that female jealousy can be a sign of love in a similar way to the biblical story of Sarah and Hagar. Sarah’s jealousy of Hagar was a sign of love. Lastly, Katz mentioned the scholar Ibn al-Hājj al-Abdarī who believes that jealousy is a framework to view all gender discrepancy through religious demonstration.

In contrast to the Western perspective of jealousy, according to Katz, jealousy in Islamic culture is seen as a strength rather than a weakness. Since jealousy is intended to protect one’s property, and since women are not entitled to exclusivity in some religious circles, jealousy is therefore not a

feminine quality.

Katz then opened the talk up for questions. First she responded to questions pertaining to the inheritance of this quality. Katz said that jealousy is seen as an innate quality, as it is modeled in nature. In humans, however, it is important to control the various forms of jealousy. For example, misplaced jealousy can be damaging. Additionally, Katz discussed how she came to study the topic of jealousy in masculinity. She said she allowed the text to lead her to this topic and she tried her best to ignore all of her preconceived notions.

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### Sexual Misconduct: Questions and Answers

Each year in the Fall, a Forum is held to give students the opportunity to hear from Dean Hazlett, the Dean of the College, Mr. Pierce Buller, General Counsel to the College and Jan Masland, Title IX Coordinator about the process of handling sexual misconduct reports on our campus. Mark Harmon-Vaught has recorded these questions each year. Each week Jan Masland will address one of the questions.

#24. Q. It is confusing who is a mandated reporter. Shouldn’t specific efforts be made to standardize how student workers are trained on this matter?

A. All employees of the College are Mandated Reporters. Student workers are included in this but with a caveat. Unlike other employees of the College who are mandated reporters at all times, student workers must report only when they become aware of sexual misconduct while they are working. When they return to their dorm or apartment after work and their roommate tells them they were assaulted, they do not have to report that. There is one exception, students who are employed to work in the House system and serve as HAs, MAs, PAs and mentors of students in the House are mandated reporters 24/7. They must report what any student tells them at any time whether that student is a member of their House or not. Each House has different designations for these student workers who are responsible for the guidance and well-being of the residents in their House. A rule of thumb is that if you are employed, i.e. receive a College paycheck, and work in the House system as one who is responsible for the well-being of other students, you are a mandated reporter at all times. There are two videos on our website that explain the mandated reporter process. One is for mandated reporters and the other explains the mandated reporter process to students.



## New Native American exhibit premieres in Martin Library of the Sciences

BY ELLIE GAVIN  
Managing Editor

This week, a new exhibit in Martin Library of the Sciences called “Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness” premiered. The exhibit premiered November 10th and runs through December 20th on the first floor of the library.

The interactive exhibit was developed and produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM).

NLM and the American Library Association tour the exhibition to libraries across America. The exhibit is currently installed in 104 libraries across America, including here at F&M.

Visitors to the exhibition can listen, via iPad, to interviews with tribal leaders, healers, physicians, and educators as well as view colorful, descriptive banners.

The exhibit aims to examine concepts of health and medicine among contemporary Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawai’ians.

According to the website of the National Library of Medicine, “In

this exhibition you will hear the voices of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians as they tell their stories and express their ideas about health and illness.

Their beliefs and practices vary—Native peoples are far from a single, homogeneous group—but they also share certain values and historical experiences. You will hear Native Voices speak of the responsibilities of individuals and the interconnectedness of communities, of reverence for Nature, tradition, and the Great Spirit.

You will also hear about the challenges and opportunities of balancing traditional healing practices with Western medicine.

Native American concepts of health and wellness have sustained diverse peoples since ancient times. Explore this exhibition and learn how revival and pride in Native ideas among a new generation can help sustain them in the 21st century.”

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*Water Ceremony (left), Sketch for Burning of the Cedar (above) are two of the artwork featured in the exhibit currently in the Martin Library of the Sciences.*



# Arts & Leisure

## Writer reviews Burton’s *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* *Film drags and falters despite noble goals, includes overused story tropes*

**Movie Review**  
*Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*

by Vanessa Chen

For a movie with the word “peculiar” in its title, the movie is anything but. *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* is directed by Tim Burton, and adapted by screenwriter Jane Goldman from Ransom Rigg’s novel of the same name. The movie is about an awkward teenage boy named Jacob (Asa Butterfield), whose beloved grandpa (Terrance Stamp) died in a freak incident. His death leads to a series of events that bring Jacob back in time, to where his grandpa grew up with children possessing special powers.

The film’s exposition took a mind numbing 30 minutes, playing out every overused trope. There is the death of the father figure (in this case the grandpa), the protagonist seeing the monster and being deemed mentally ill, and the secrets that should be revealed earlier but are held back

to protect the protagonist (which never turn out to be that juicy anyway.) One of the most cringe worthy moments (there are many more) comes when the dying grandpa utters “I thought I could protect you, I should’ve told you this years ago...” and then dies. Come on, you can do better than this!

After the exposition, the movie gets a little more interesting. Watch as our awkward teenage protagonist struggles, grows, saves everybody, while also falling in love with his grandpa’s beautiful old flame (Ella Pur-nell.) Because nothing turns on a teenage boy more than a grand-ma-age girl who thought he was his grandpa?

The movie can be seen as a not-so-subtle allegory for the holocaust. The majority of the movie takes place in World War 2 Wales, where the house of the peculiar children is both under attack by Nazi air raids, and monsters literally named—the Holowcast (shorten as Holow in the movie). A bit too on the



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**Tim Burton’s newest film *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*, continually flounders in its attempt to present a powerful, though blunt, allegory.**

nose in my opinion, but at least everyone got the idea. The call for diversity and acceptance is worthy of praise, even if all the actors are white except Samuel L. Jackson.

The movie has been out since September 30, and is still in theaters if anyone wants to see it. It will be a nice reminder in the light of the recent election result, that even sweet children who are just a bit peculiar, can occasionally turn murderous and savagely

massacre those poor, poor Holowcast monsters.

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**Review Rating:**

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*Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* includes cliched tropes and lacks subtlety in its message, but concludes in a commendable call for acceptance.

## English professor Padmini Mongia presents show at Phillips Museum *Mongia urges artists to stop seeking inspiration, focus on their work instead*

by Ellie Gavin

This month at the Philips Museum, the Dana Gallery will feature a new exhibit called “Reach,” with artwork by F&M Professor of English, Padmini Mongia.

Professor Mongia has been painting for fifteen years. This is her second solo show at the Phillips: her first was named “Shapes of Nature,” and premiered in 2005. According to Mongia, “Reach” shows the movement from verbal arts to visual arts. Ink and acrylic are used on canvas for the paintings, which include those on the larger scale and those on the smaller scale.

Mongia says that the primary way that this exhibit has changed from the last is the way that it plays with scale. “The large pieces are very large and the small ones very small.”

Additionally, the works play with different artistic mediums, using both ink and acrylic. “I don’t have an opinion on what artists in general should do or not. I am interested in different mediums, and you see some of that in this show. I have increasingly been drawn to ink and I like the way ink and acrylic correlate to each other. The flow of the ink is mirrored in the acrylic (or can be), but the acrylic is also thicker and heavier and denser.”

When asked about the inspiration behind her exhibit, Mongia says, “I don’t think this is a question which

may be answered easily. I don’t know if “inspiration” is the word I would use to talk of my works. Instead, I would prefer to talk of the materials I use to make my art and/or the engagement with color and form.”

In fact, Mongia would advise young artists to give up on the idea of inspiration altogether. “I would tell them not to look for inspiration. Inspiration is a false god. I’d tell them to keep doing their work and to let their work tell them where to go next.”

When asked what she has learned through painting that has deepened her understanding of other art forms, Mongia says, “Every form of expression requires commitment, great commitment. In addition to the paintings I’ve made that have worked, there are many others that have not. The same is true of other forms of expression. Some things work and some don’t, but you only know what does or doesn’t by working.”

If you are interested in learning more about Professor Mongia’s work, there is a short artist’s talk on November 17, from 5:00pm-6:30pm to discuss Reach and abstraction in India and Pakistan.

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**Franklin & Marshall English professor Padmini Mongia’s new exhibit, entitled “Reach,” will be on display at the Philips Museum until December 9, 2016.**



# The Onion Dip:

## The College Reporter's satirical column

### Franklin & Marshall student really regrets jokingly voting for Trump

BY DAVID MARTIN  
Satirical Columnist

LANCASTER, PA—Crying profusely on the way to his first class on Wednesday morning, the guilt of jokingly voting for President-elect Donald Trump finally set in for local Franklin and Marshall College student Dan Worthy. Tears erupting from his face, Dan choked out a response saying, “All the polls had Clinton way ahead... I had no idea it would... would turn out like this. I just thought it would be funny.”

Sources report that the situation became quite dire for Dan at around 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday night: “Everything was going fine. Yeah, we had lost Florida, but Wolf Blitzer was sure Virginia and Michigan were going to turn around. But then the tide began to turn in Pennsylvania. That’s when I knew I had made a terrible mistake.”

Hillary Clinton suffered a late defeat in Pennsylvania, a state the Democrats hadn’t lost since 1988, and she lost by less than 1%.

Expectedly, Dan’s friends have since abandoned him, blaming him entirely for the results of the election. Dan’s closest friend Will spoke to reporters earlier today about the is-



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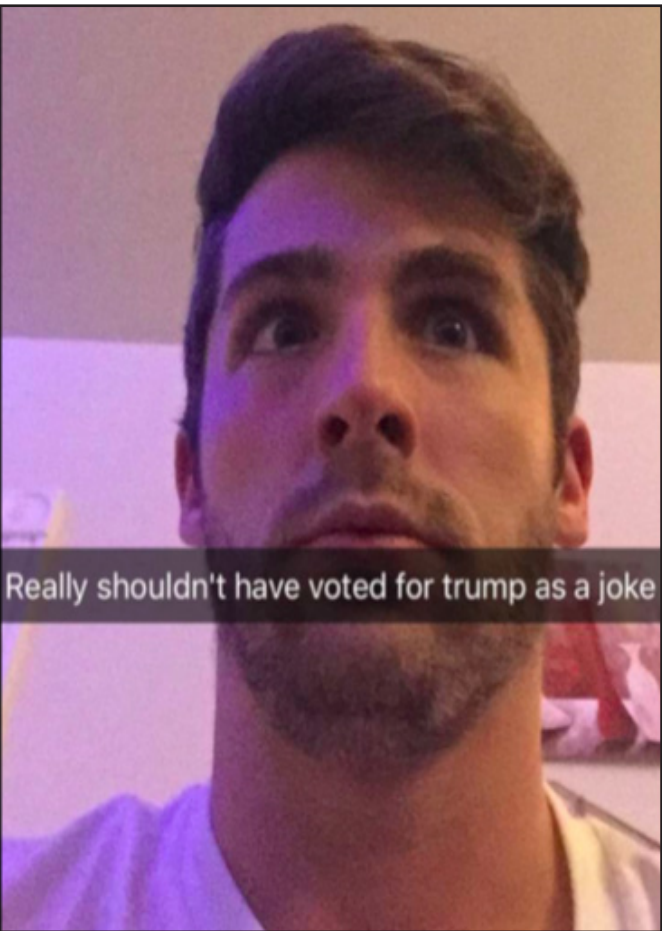


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sue: “Dan who? I have no idea who you’re talking about. Sounds like a complete idiot though.”

When reports came out today that Trump is considering Sarah Palin for Secretary of the Interior and Newt Gingrich for Secretary of State, it was almost too much for Dan. “They say that every vote matters, but no one really ever believed that, right? I mean how could I have known? My friend wrote-in Harambe. I mean, isn’t that worse?”

If we can take away nothing else from this, it’s clearly that millennials are by far the worst generation that America has ever seen. And considering how much my little brother talks about Call of Duty, I don’t think Generation Z will be any better.

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### Lack of snow this season frustrates local global warming denier

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LANCASTER, PA — Herbie Henderson, a local Trump supporter and cliamte change skeptic, has been extremely disappointed with the lack of snowfall in Lancaster this autumn season. The warm, dry fall has left Herbie without tangible evidence for why global warming does not exist. “I just want something to shut those damn liberals up about this crap,” said Herbie. “The past two October’s it’s been 30 degrees and snowing. Ain’t nobody talking about global warming when it’s snowing in October.”

Herbie expressed that he believes global warming is a hoax perpetuated by the progressive movement in order to steal jobs from the hardest-working Americans in the coal and oil industries.

Herbie also noted that he plans to move to Vermont, where his argument will be “much more persuasive.”

Editor’s Note: As of November 11th, Lancaster city is on pace to have its warmest November in history.

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The UFC had a historic night in Madison Square Garden. Read more below...

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## F&M Field Hockey defeats TCNJ to advance to Elite Eight in playoffs

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Whatever the weather conditions, wet, rainy, or cold, the F&M Field Hockey team has proven that any day can be a good day to be a Dip. After losing to Ursinus 2-1 in overtime in the Centennial Conference finals this past Sunday, F&M Women’s Field Hockey secured a huge win on Wednesday night against King’s College.

In the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Diplomats secured a 2-1 win over the King’s College Monarchs on a wet and rainy evening. Just three minutes in, the Monarchs jumped on an early missed clearance to give themselves a 1-0 lead over the Diplomats. Down 1-0, F&M Field Hockey was not about to hang their heads.

The Diplomats bounced back early when first-year forward, Erin Coverdale, tied the game 1-1 with a goal in the 17th minute. Five minutes later, F&M’s Emily Nagle nearly gave the Dips a 2-1 lead when her shot hit the post in the 22nd minute; however, it was F&M’s Sydney Cole who was able to finish it for the Diplomats. With an assist from F&M’s Annie Horsley, Cole had a shot in the bottom-right corner of

the net in the 25th minute of the first half of the game.

Still maintaining a 2-1 lead over the Monarchs, F&M Women’s Field Hockey faced some unlucky moments in the remaining minutes of the first half. The Dips continued to dominate with two penalty corners following Cole’s goal; however, they were unable to finish.

Keeping pressure on the Monarchs, F&M closed out the first half with a 6-1 lead in shots and an 8-0 deficit in corners, clearly in command. F&M dominated early in the

second half, with majority control of possession. Unable to extend their lead, the Monarchs earned their first corner of the match in the 56th minute. To their dissatisfaction however, King’s Field Hockey was unable to generate a shot against the strong Diplomat defense.

F&M clenched a hard fought 2-1 victory over the Monarchs, sending them into the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive season. The Diplomats faced TCNJ, the 2014 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Champions, on Saturday at Babson College in

Wellesley, Massachusetts in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

They won in an overtime thriller and advanced on to the Elite Eight of the tournament. With just 3 more wins, the team could see themselves being called National Champions. We wish the team good luck as they make their way towards the final weeks of the season.

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The F&M Field Hockey team has been riding a recent wave of momentum recently. They play Babson in the Elite Eight this Sunday. They’re hoping to take home a National Championship and with three more wins, they can do it.

## Conor McGregor beats Eddie Alvarez in historic night in New York

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“Can’t Wait!” This was the slogan for UFC 205 and it definitely lived up to the high expectations. After a long anticipated debut, the UFC finally had their first show in New York and hosted it at the historic Madison Square Garden. The UFC pulled out all the stops and put together an amazing card featuring 3 title fights, former world champions and all around great fights. The night, however, belonged to the UFC’s biggest star, Conor McGregor.

For the first time in UFC history, Conor McGregor looked to become the first person to ever simultaneously hold two championships. The person looking to derail those dreams was Lightweight champion Eddie Alvarez, who captured the title in July after beating Rafael dos Anjos. Many believed, even though McGregor fought in lighter weight classes previously, that McGregor would hold the advantage over Alvarez due to his reach and size advantage. McGregor put together an absolutely dazzling performance, knocking out Alvarez in the second round and, in the process, made history.

Conor McGregor will now hold both the Featherweight and Lightweight championships at the same time. While most would call for the coronation of McGregor as the greatest fighter of all time, I am hesitant to put that title on him just yet. What he accomplished this past weekend was nothing short of remarkable and the fact that he did it with such ease makes one marvel at the feats of brazen Irishman. However, throughout McGregor’s career he has fought the same types of opponents repeatedly, in which play to his strengths significantly. He has yet to a face high-level grappler who can take him away from his usual dominance on the feet. There is no doubting his greatness, but until the UFC matches him with either lightweight contenders Tony Ferguson or Khabib Nurmagomedov, one must be hesitant of calling him one of the best of all-time.

While the night will primarily be remembered for McGregor’s historic achievement, the other fights on the card delivered to the high expectations as well. Welterweight champion Tyron Woodley and challenger Stephen Thompson battled for five hard rounds until the judges scored

the fight a draw. The two will more than likely have an immediate rematch to settle who the better fighter is sometime in the near future.

In addition, women’s Strawweight champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk successfully defended her title against Karolina Kowalkiewicz in what was a back and forth fight throughout.

Middleweight challenger Yoel Romero also impressed as he sliced through former champion Chris Weidman by knockout and secured a future Middleweight title shot.

The card top to bottom at UFC

205 delivered on very high expectations and gave fans many exciting future prospects to look forward to. McGregor was undoubtedly the star of the evening and helped usher in a new era of mixed martial arts in New York State. Future challenges lay ahead of the Irishman and both fans and detractors of McGregor are excited for what’s next for the two-weight world champion.

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Conor McGregor ushered in a new era of fighting in New York City this past weekend. He became the first fighter to ever hold two titles simultaneously and did so in style.