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WEEKLY BRIEFING

WCU professor named Fulbright Research Chair

CULLOWHEE -- Jeanne Dorle, assistant professor in the department of management and international business at Western Carolina University, has been named the Fulbright Research Chair in Project Management at the University of Quebec.

"Dr. Dorle is an exceptional scholar whose research will greatly contribute to our understanding of strategic problem solving in a business context," said Michael K. Hawes, executive director of the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program.

A member of the WCU faculty since 2002, Dorle brings to the classroom a background in law, professional management and training, and project management.

She is now researching diversity in thinking styles and problem-solving approaches and their impact on the success of project teams in business.

She recently completed the certification program to administer the Kirton Adaptor-Innovator Inventory, which measures the creativity, problem-solving and decision-making styles of individuals within organizations.

Dorle is director of WCU's graduate program in project management. She serves on WCU's education technology advisory council and chairs a committee for multimedia educational resources for learning and online teaching.

"This is an honor for Jeanne Dorle and for Western Carolina's management and international business department," said Kyle Carter, provost at Western. "In fact, it's quite an honor for all of our faculty members at Western because we have excellent professors who deserve the recognition that a Fulbright brings. I know that this Fulbright award will enrich Dr. Dorle's academic credentials and provide her with valuable cross-cultural experiences that she can share with our faculty and students. We hope that her time at the University of Quebec will lead to opportunities for our students and faculty to collaborate with their Canadian colleagues."

The Fulbright attracts exceptional scholars from more than 150 countries worldwide. Among the fastest growing of the bilateral exchanges is the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program. Named for former U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright and supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs Canada and the U.S. Department of State, the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program has engaged more than 600 scholars in high-level academic exchanges since 1990.

Gillespie named editor of monthly publication

DC4 Report

ASHEVILLE -- David R. Gillespie of Anderson, S.C., has been named editor of Out in Asheville.

Out in Asheville is a monthly publication headquartered in Skyland and serves the communities of Western North Carolina, upstate and midland South Carolina and northeastern Georgia, including Atlanta.

Wall &Co. achieves high ranking in trade publication

ASHEVILLE -- Asheville investment advisory firm W. Wall &Co. Wealth Management achieved the second-highest ranking among global equity managers by "Money Manager Review" for three-year annualized performance based on the review's return/risk analysis.

"Money Manager Review" reported Wall &Co. had achieved an annualized return of 17.98 percent for the three-year period ended March 30 with a risk level based on standard deviation of 14.38 percent, resulting in a return/risk ratio of 1.25.

Development consultant relocates to Asheville

ASHEVILLE -- Belt Consulting Inc., a high-tech product developer, recently located to Riverside Drive in Asheville from Dayton, Ohio.

Dave Belt established his company in 2001 to initially provide software support for the defense industry. Since then, Belt has branched out into wide range of markets including environmental, biomedical and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system design.

Belt Consulting is at 2002 Riverside Drive, No. 42-P, and www.belt-consulting.com. For information, call 273-7561.

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