Instructor Orientation

Thanks to all who were able to attend our instructor orientation and welcome to our new instructors! Pictured from left to right: Dick Smith, Phil Pryor, Norm Cooper, Dan Carlson, Father Glass, Joslyn Robinson, Pat Dugan (Program Chair), Mary Campbell, Natasha McFarland, Calandra Waters Lake, William van Elburg, Sandra Stephan, Suzanne Dana, Richard Hardwick, Barnet Feingold, and Walt Doran. New instructors not pictured: John Bessler, Ian Carr, Randy Chambers, Suzanne Hagedorn, John Hickok, Patty Jackson-White, Janna Hymes, Eugene Roche and Michael Steen.

BY THE NUMBERS

Registration Day
Registration day, July 21, was one for the record books despite the software glitch. Some of our members wanted to know "How many?" We have some of those numbers for you!

310 registrants by 8:35 a.m.
847 registrants by 12:24 p.m.
1003 registrants by 8:07 p.m.
1014 total registrants on 7/21
168 mail in registrations in office by 7/21
1490 total registrations to date
84% of total registrations were processed online
300 voicemail messages during system glitch
A Farewell Note From Former CWA Instructor, Harry Cain:

“To all who took my courses and to anyone considering teaching at Christopher Wren:

I’d like to thank you all by way of describing my experience in teaching at Christopher Wren. Teaching was not my profession. I got into it only as a way to ease into retirement, and started as an adjunct professor at William and Mary Grad School of Business. But that turned out to be hard work, with sometimes less than enthusiastic students. In 2003 I gave an invited lecture at a Christopher Wren course and promptly wanted to do more. It’s all joyful work—thinking about what to say, and how to say it, and engaging with the students—all of whom are mature adults with a wide variety of experiences and questions, and no reluctance to ask them. They are only in the class because they want to learn about whatever your subject is! And some of them already know a lot about it! No exams to give, no papers to grade, nothing to do but explore the subject as well as you can. And it’s a great motivator to keep up with the fast moving word as it relates to your subject area.

So to anyone out there who is thinking you might like to try this—TRY IT! I think the essential prerequisites are (1) know your subject; (2) be comfortable with public speaking; (3) enjoy interacting with experienced people; and (4) be prepared to learn from them! There is much to like about retirement—and this activity is at the top of my list!

Thanks again,
Harry Cain”

—Harry and his family are moving out of state. We wish them well with gratitude for all the time he gave to CWA as well as his wife, Maury who served as our publicity chair for three years. Best wishes to you from CWA Board, staff and members.

Wanted: We’re looking for volunteers to photograph some of our classes and activities this fall. Contact the office if you are interested. Call 757-221-1506 or email chriswren@wm.edu.

Name Badge: If you did not receive your name badge via email or US mail, it will be coming soon.

Thanks,
CWA Team

CWA Offices will be closed on Labor Day, September 7, 2015

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