By Jo Kadlecek

Though many of its traditional students have already returned home for the summer, Columbia’s campus will stay busy during the next three months. Dozens of academic conferences, professional conferences, and unique programs will bring thousands of people to the Morningside campus over the next three months to pursue their individual goals and enjoy the city.

As of May 28—the starting date for the summer’s first six-week course session—2,200 students had enrolled in over 150 classes ranging from "The Middle Ages in Film" and "Introduction to the New Testament" to "Romantic Italian" and "Jewish and Israeli Art in the 19th and 20th Centuries." Students choose from more than 200 courses in which they can improve their skills in a specific subject during the course of a single, intensive, 8-week summer session and leave prepared to teach English as a second or foreign language in the U.S. or abroad.

Add the many academic and special programs to specific renovation plans scheduled for numerous buildings around campus and you’ll find summer days at the University anything but lazy.

The American Language Program also offers two consecutive four-week intensive sessions followed by a three-week session in the English language in late May, June, and July. Students may enroll in one, two, or all three sessions, and also visit various cultural sites in New York City. Each Institute feature a special intensive course for advanced full-time students, attracting many students who intend to pursue graduate studies in the U.S. Several new summer study programs include Arab languages and cultures. The University will offer an intensive course on Arabic, which is a major language for business and government. Students will have the opportunity to receive a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Certificate Program, an 18-point program leading to a TESOL Certificate of Professional Achievement. Students may complete the program in a single, intensive, 8-week summer session and leave prepared to teach English as a second or foreign language in the U.S. or abroad.

By Jason Holland

Columbia’s Morningside Campus Remains a Busy Place During Summer Session

Columbia Publishing Course from Columbia University and gain a business perspective on publishing in a digital age. Such programs are also joint ventures and are cross-listed with the School of Continuing Education in a Digital Age and also at a more advanced level in "Corporate Conference," "Teacher Education in a Digital Age" and one that is more teacher-focused, "Teacher Education in a Digital Age." The Graduate School of Journalism offers its annual Columbia Journalism Review Conference. Columbia will host several major publications from June 24 until August 2 for editors and writers as well as training programs for journalists from developing countries.

Other professional development conferences offer a unique opportunity to build on one of Columbia University’s two information technology programs, which continue during the summer term. A Ph.D. Executive Information Technology Management (EITM) program—a one-year certificate program—prepares experienced IT professionals for management positions where students learn how to manage technology development and staff performance, integrate theory with practice, and lead technology initiatives and gain a business perspective on technology management. And the hands-on, internship-based "Computer Technology and Applications (CTA) program will continue several courses for academic and professional advancement in the information systems field.

Summer is by far the peak season on Columbia’s campus is not likely to slow down over the summer months. The academic and special programs to specific construction and renovation plans during the summer will prove to be both challenging and enlightening.

"I am very excited to be able to join Michael Crow at Arizona State and to assist him in his plans to make ASU an even better research university by taking an even more integral part of Phoenix and Arizona," said Renzulli.

Renzulli, a Philadelphia native and a University of Pennsylvania graduate, believes the change will prove to be both challenging and enlightening.

"In the last few months I’ve learned a lot about ASU and the more I’ve learned the more impressed I’ve become with ASU as a high quality research university and as a vital part of the infrastructure of the Valley and the State.

President George Rupp, who stepped down this month after nine years at Columbia’s helm, said, "Virgil Renzulli has served Columbia in exemplary fashion. He is deeply knowledgeable about media relations and has been instrumental in developing a pro-active communications strategy for the University. I personally have value his counsel, his guidance and I wish him all the best."

Alan Stone, former vice president for Public Affairs at Columbia who is now vice president for Government, Community and Public Affairs at Harvard, noted that Renzulli was a perfect fit when he arrived on the Morningside campus six years ago.

"Virgil brought great experience at urban research universities, world class daily newspapers with the working press, a strong management style, and a vision for the future. The Executive Information Technology Management operations should be built and maintained. He exceeded our high expectations in every way," said Stone.

Renzulli leaves New York with fond memories of his time in Morningside Heights. "I have had a great six years at Columbia. I am very grateful for the support I received from George and Alan and many friends that I made here," said Renzulli.

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