



# VOYAGER

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“One small step for man... one giant leap for mankind.” Neil Armstrong,  
Apollo 11 Moon Landing, July 1969

## WELCOME

Landing at Planet Villa as you begin or re-begin your academic career may not be as historic as the first journey to the moon surface, but it should be a time of promise and accomplishment. As the Chinese proverb says, “To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping.”

## OUR MISSION

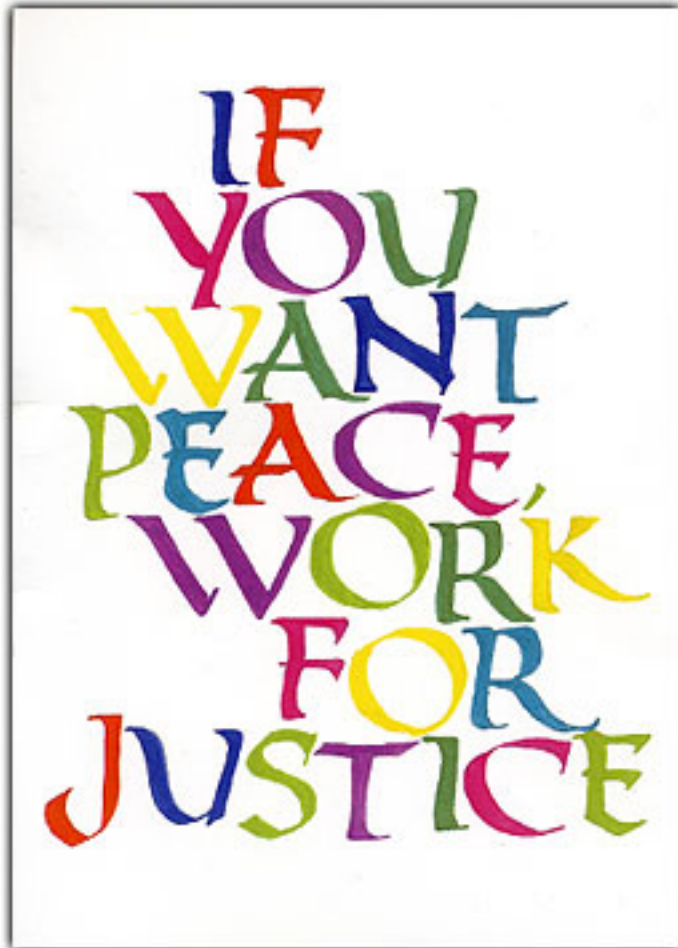
### LIBERAL ARTS: AA and AS degrees

The mission of the Liberal Arts program is to provide motivated students a rigorous, enriching, and transformative educational experience. The program allows for concentration of study in humanities, social or natural sciences, or general studies. These programs provide a foundation for further educational options or career paths, producing a graduate who is confident, well informed, and socially and ethically minded.

### CREATIVE WRITING & LITERATURE: BA degree

The mission of the Creative Writing and Literature program is to provide a rigorous experience in the craft of writing and its application in genres of literature. Providing opportunities for practice in creative writing, communication, analysis, critical thinking and inquiry, and presentation, the curriculum will allow students to emerge with a distinct, confident voice and a sense of their potential. Students will interact with literary organizations and professional writers and will have the opportunity to participate in the creation of an award winning student publication.

2015-16 CORE VALUE: JUSTICE & PEACE



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

■ *Maya Angelou*

## **LIBERAL ARTS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FACULTY**

### **Full-Time Faculty**

**Joyce Kessel**, Chair Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / English

**Todd Baker**, Science, Math & Core 101

**Elizabeth Battaglia**, English

**Dr. Jean Doerr**, Psychology & Core 101

**Jim Kelley**, Physical Therapist Assistant

**Dr. Kim Kotz**, Physical Therapist Assistant

**Dr. Donald Monnin**, Religious Studies & Philosophy

**Dr. Ann Rivera**, English

**Paula Santacroce-Velarde**, Occupational Therapy

**Mollie Ward-Crescente**, Business

### **Adjunct Faculty**

**Dr. Timothy Allan**, Composition

**Debbie Bond**, Mathematics

**Cameron Bosinski**, Biology

**Michael Caputi**, Business

**William Carr**, Composition

**Dr. Daniel Colleran**, Composition

**Brian Emerson**, Religious Studies

**Erica Goddard**, Psychology

**Jill Graney**, Physical Therapist Assistant

**Dr. Ryan Hartnett**, Philosophy

Joy Higgins, American Sign Language

Justin Karcher, Composition

Dr. Jeffrey Kohler, History & Core 101

Dr. Will Meyer, Cultural Anthropology, History and Sociology

Jodi Nosbisch, Physical Therapist Assistant

Derrick Parsons, Business

Roman Pikas, Physics

Gary Earl Ross, Playwriting

Roxanne Swain, Anatomy & Physiology

Susan Thomas, Business

## **Student Success Center**

**Director:** Dr. Agnieszka Zak-Moskal

**Writing Coach:** Liz Kerr

**Math Coach:** Mike McDowall

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- On TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, Kirstie Sherman from FMSC will be on campus to talk about FMSC, the work being done by FMSC partners, and will share pictures from her recent trip to Haiti. This is the perfect opportunity for the “Research” component of the new Service Learning format. Kirstie will be part of the Campus Ministry “Dinner and Discussion” at 4:00, and will also speak at 6:00pm. These events will be held in the Dining Hall.
- Open to all students! The first WRITER’S CIRCLE gathering will be Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Felician Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge. Bring something you’ve written to share and/or be ready to talk about writing! This is an informal conversation!

- Thursday Sept. 24 CELEBRATION OF SKALD '15 with Its Student Artists & Writers 11:00 am @ The Art Gallery Alcove
- Saturday Sept. 26 100,000 Poets & Artists for Change session here on the Felician Hall Patio 11 am – 1pm Open Reading slots available.
- Tuesday September 29 Give Yourself an Opportunity: How to be Adaptable in Today's Job Market @ Villa Maria College Recital Hall 11 – 12 noon
- Wednesday November 4 The Literary Café at Center for Inquiry – a Villa Poetry Night 7:30 (more info to follow).
- Check out the **FACULTY ART EXHIBIT in the College's Art Gallery as classes begin.**

#### SCRIBBLINGS:

- Did you know that the **2014 edition of SKALD**, Villa's Creative Arts Magazine, won the Best Design Award from the Association of Writers & Writing Professionals?
- The **2015 issue of SKALD** is available now! Contributors – make sure you pick up your copies. There are 50 or more of you in this issue.
- **Aimee Nezhukumatathil** who was our fall guest poet, has a poem, "Upon Hearing the News" that was selected by Sherman Alexie for inclusion in THE BEST OF AMERICAN POETRY Poets.
- The IDS 205 class is reading **Claudia Rankine's** prose-poem CITIZEN. Rankine will be the first Babel speaker in October. She will also be the keynote speaker at the 2016 AWP Conference in Los Angeles.
- A number of prominent social activists have died in recent months – do a little research on any of these individuals to see their significant impact on contemporary life:

Julian Bond, Civil Rights

Dr. Oliver Sacks, Science

Amelia Boynton Robinson, Civil Rights

Frances Oldham Kelsey, Science & Medicine

**“Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.”**

**THE VALUE OF BOOKS – from ExchangeEveryDay 06.11.14**

“A home with books as an integral part of the way of life encourages children to read for pleasure and encourages discussion among family members about what they have read, thereby providing children with information, vocabulary, imaginative richness, wide horizons, and skills for discovery and play.”

“It is good to realize that if love and peace can prevail on earth, and if we can teach our children to honor nature's gifts, the joys and beauties of the outdoors will be here forever.”

- Jimmy Carter



*the*  
*Felician* **KITCHEN**

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*Please help yourself if you are hungry - or leave  
something behind for those who might be!*



