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AI Update

Throughout the year, Artificial Intelligence was a central focus of the BOW Faculty Steering Committee. The Provosts convened two meetings of faculty and staff focused on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science, and their Societal Impact. As a result of the interest displayed in these meetings, a special call for AI focused Presidential Innovation Grants was made in Spring 2019. Three groups were awarded grants to pursue work across the three campuses in this space. The project descriptions can be found [here](#). We look forward to continuing this focus in the 2019-20 school year.

Faculty Steering Committee

This year's BOW Faculty Steering Committee will be comprised of Lyn Turbak from Wellesley College, Rick Cleary from Babson College, and Ben Linder from Olin College. After a few years off, Ben will be rejoining the committee as Jean Huang steps down for the year. We appreciate Jean's hard work and look forward to welcoming her back to the committee in the future.

BOW Scholarship Opportunity--UDL Symposium

The BOW 3-College Collaboration is offering a few scholarships for BOW faculty and staff interested in attending the [CAST Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) Symposium](#) Aug 7 -- 9, 2019, in Cambridge, MA. CAST is the organization that developed UDL, and it holds an annual summer symposium to teach UDL.

Ideally, BOW would like to sponsor one person from each of Babson, Olin, and Wellesley to attend this UDL Symposium. Scholarship recipients are expected to share what they learn from the Symposium by helping the BOW Faculty Steering Committee design a one-day BOW teaching workshop on UDL in mid-January of 2020. The scholarship will cover the \$800 registration fee for the symposium plus transportation costs, lunches, and (optionally) an \$80 [pre-symposium webinar introduction to UDL](#).

We have extended the application deadline. To apply for the scholarship, submit [the application form](#) by **July 12**. Questions? Email both jengle@olin.edu and fturbak@wellesley.edu

Exciting Curricular Opportunity

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

We are writing to encourage you to add a text to your syllabus for the coming Fall semester, one that has broad applicability across disciplines, and one which will be produced as a theater performance in October: *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow* by Rolin Jones.

Supported in part by a BOW Presidential Innovation Grant focusing on “the future of artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, and their societal implications,” the Fall production promises to grapple with these significant issues in compelling and thought-provoking ways.

In an effort integrate *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow* into the BOW curricula as widely as possible, we will be hiring a professional dramaturg to prepare comprehensive and high-quality teaching materials (available mid-summer). **The Provosts of Babson, Olin, and Wellesley wrote that they “hope that this play will become a common text for the BOW community across many disciplines.”**

Indeed, *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow* would make a strong addition to courses offered across the spectrum of the sciences, engineering, arts, humanities, social sciences, and business, for it engages with topics ranging from artificial intelligence to ancestry, from domestic defense to identity politics, and from the ethics of international adoption to the limits of technology to solve our deepest problems.

The production of *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow* is a true BOW collaboration, as the play will be directed by Professor Jonathan Adler from Olin, produced by Professor Beth Wynstra from Babson, and with support from Professor Marta Rainer from Wellesley.

Please reach out if you have *any inkling* to add this play to your Fall courses, as we would love to work with you to support its wide adoption across the BOW colleges. We look forward to seeing you at the theater!

All the best,

Jonathan Adler (Olin College)
Marta Rainer (Wellesley College)
Beth Wynstra (Babson College)

The Empty Space Theater presents



The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow

Rolin Jones' Obie Award winning and Pulitzer Prize finalist play tells the story of Jennifer, a typical 22-year-old California girl who re-engineers obsolete missile components for the U.S. Army from her bedroom and who longs to meet her birth mother in China. Tackling issues of identity, artificial intelligence, and the power (and limitations) of an entrepreneurial spirit, this "techno-comedy" promises to spur conversation across the three BOW colleges.

Supported by a BOW Presidential Innovation Grant, this play will be:
Directed by Professor Jonathan Adler, Olin College (jadler@olin.edu)
Produced by Professor Beth Wynstra, Babson College
with support from Professor Marta Rainer, Wellesley College

Performance Dates: October 24-26, 2019
Sorenson Mainstage Theater, Babson College