

SABBATICALS AND PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

1. Faculty

Any tenured member of the University faculty may apply for a sabbatical leave for the purpose of increasing the recipient's professional competence and usefulness to the University. Sabbatical leave time may be used for research, writing or study at a place of the recipient's choosing. University personnel holding tenured faculty rank whose duties are primarily administrative are also eligible for sabbatical leaves. A minimum of six years of academic service at the University must precede each period of sabbatical leave, although no right accrues automatically through lapse of time.

Sabbatical leaves are not ordinarily available for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree. A faculty member who fails to return to the University for at least one academic year immediately following a sabbatical leave is obligated to repay the amount of compensation received from the University during the leave. Leaves for a full contract year are compensated at a rate equal to 60 percent of the employee's annual salary; leaves for a half-contract year are compensated at the employee's existing rate for the period.

In each case, the teaching responsibilities of faculty on sabbatical leave will be assumed by other instructors, and there will be no reduction in number of courses offered as a result of the sabbatical leave. Requests for sabbatical leave undergo review by the appropriate department head and dean. They are also reviewed by the Office of Academic Affairs.

This year, a total of 32 faculty members and academic professionals requested sabbatical or professional development leaves. Academic Affairs screened these requests and forwarded 29 requests with positive recommendations. Two faculty members have cancelled their request.

Academic Affairs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
Bagby, Lewis	Professor	7/1/06 – 12/31/06	2006
Professor Bagby plans to travel to Helsinki and St. Petersburg to research journal publications of Fyodor Dostoevsky's "Notes from the House of the Dead" and "Notes from the Underground", examine fictional narratives that preceded Dostoevsky's works, and complete an article on Dostoevsky's curious introduction to "Notes from the Underground."			

College of Agriculture

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
<i>Department of Molecular Biology</i>			
Thorsness, Peter E.	Professor	Fall	2006
Professor Thorsness has gained significant new insight into the function of a vital cellular component that organizes compartments within eukaryotic cells and plans to extend this work into human cells. This work is important because this cellular component has recently been found to be the causative agent of two human genetic diseases that affect the nervous system. He will conduct research at Latrobe University, Melbourne, Australia.			

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Department of Plant Sciences

Krall, James M.	Professor	Spring	2007
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Professor Krall's sabbatical will be hosted by Agriculture Victoria's Mallee Research Center at Walpeup, Victoria, Australia. He will conduct research on sustainable agriculture, and increase his knowledge of grain lupine production, oil seed crops, new annual legumes for 'ley' farming systems, and precision wide-row cropping to conserve moisture and prevent soil erosion. All activities are relevant to Wyoming dryland/rainfed agriculture.

Department of Renewable Resources

Vance, George F. Jr.	Professor	Spring	2007
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Professor Vance will focus on research and applications that relate to better understanding rangeland carbon sequestration process and use of zeolite minerals as filters for removing sodium (Na⁺) from coal bed natural gas (CBNG) product waters. These are two areas that would benefit Wyoming because of the potential development of C credits for agriculture and the development of a technology that could profit both the CBNG industry and users of low Na CBNG waters.

College of Arts & Sciences

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Department of Anthropology

Ahern, James C.	Associate Professor	Calendar Year	2007
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Professor Ahern will focus on enhancing graduate education and internationalization for the University of Wyoming through developing anthropological research and collaboration opportunities for UW students in Croatia. These opportunities are intertwined with Ahern's entrance into a new research area, the human biocultural change that occurred with the end of the last ice age.

Harkin, Michael E.	Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor Harkin will complete his fifth book. This book is on the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island, for which the research has already been completed. Funding is being sought from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Humanities Center, and the School of American Research.

Department of English

Marks, Clifford J.	Associate Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor Marks will complete research on the work of comic artist Art Spiegelman. If time warrants, he will also begin in-depth exploration of the relationship between Cognitive Neuroscience and Literary Study.

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<i>Department of Geology & Geophysics</i>			
Frost, B. Ronald	Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
Professor Frost has postulated that massive sulfide ore deposits may melt during regional metamorphism and that these melts may concentrate precious metals, particularly gold, silver and palladium. He will conduct experiments at Australian National University to determine at what temperatures assemblages from various ore deposits would have melted and to what extent these low-T melts could have concentrated gold, silver, or palladium.			
Holbrook, W. Steven	Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
Professor Holbrook plans to build on a new research direction, called "seismic oceanography," which was developed jointly by seismologists at the University of Wyoming and an oceanographer at Woods Hole. This research will produce tangible benefits to UW in the form of new expertise, research grant proposals, and published papers in an interdisciplinary field - oceanography.			

Department of History

Brose, Michael C.	Assistant Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
Professor Brose will conduct research on Central Asian elites in late imperial China (1368-1700 ce). This new project will require use of rare Chinese manuscripts and secondary sources held in the U.S., P.R. China, and Taiwan. He has applied for external funding to support his research in each institution abroad. This project represents a second, new stage in Prof. Brose's research on the long-term impacts of the Mongol conquest of China.			

Kamp, Marianne R.	Associate Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
Professor Kamp plans to write a book, <i>Farming for the State: Oral Histories of Collectivization in Uzbekistan</i> . She will spend several months at the Library of Congress, finishing research in published materials. The oral-history interview stage of the research was completed in 2004.			

Department of Mathematics

Jafari, Farhad	Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
Professor Jafari will be in residence at the Institute of Mathematics and its Application (IMA), participating in the year-long conference on algebraic geometric methods in control theory and optimization. This sabbatical will highlight the University of Wyoming's cutting edge efforts in these areas, increase and establish new research collaborations with industry and other research institutions, and increase areas of funding. Upon return, a new graduate level course cross-listed between the Mathematics and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Departments will be offered to disseminate the new findings.			

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Neemann, Harold P.	Associate Professor	Spring	2007
Professor Neemann will examine rare editions and manuscripts of seventeenth-century travel accounts at the Bibliothèque Nationale and other archives throughout France. This research is part of a book project on travel narratives written by seventeenth-century French women whose contributions to this literary genre have received very little critical attention.			

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Department of Political Science

King, James D.	Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor King will conduct research on the campaign dynamics of midterm congressional elections on the incumbent President. Advertisements archived by the Political Communication Center at the University of Oklahoma will be used to assess the messages presented to voters in Congressional campaigns. The data on campaign messages will be merged with national survey data to determine the effect attacking or defending the President has on voters' decisions.

Department of Zoology & Physiology

Flynn, Francis W.	Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
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Professor Flynn will work with Dr. Sladek at the University of Colorado Health Sciences and learn new, state-of-the art research techniques. Dr. Flynn plans to learn brain imaging techniques that will enable him to study the function of systems that control blood pressure and that may be dysfunctional in hypertension. These research techniques will be then taught to graduate students, either in the form of one-on-one training or in a seminar format.

Women's Studies Program

McKay, Susan A.	Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor McKay will study meanings of girlhood within the context of war-torn countries of southern and western Africa, develop a concept paper on girl mothers impregnated while enrolled in fighting forces, and organize a conference on these girl mothers in the fall of 2006 at the Rockefeller Foundation's Center in Bellagio, Italy.

Zare, Bonnie Sue	Associate Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
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Professor Zare will be working in Massachusetts and in Delhi, India to complete research on her book, "Married for Life: Contemporary South Asian Women's Literature." This work of literary criticism will advance cross-cultural understanding of women's experience across nationalities, sexualities, and socio-economic conditions. This study also offers a picture of how religion, region, caste and class all may determine how oppressive or egalitarian a marriage agreement may be; and how women craft compromises that give them more power within marriage itself.

College of Business

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Department of Economics & Finance

Barbier, Edward B.	Professor	Academic Year	2006-2007
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Professor Barbier plans to write a book on "Natural Resource-Based Economic Development in History," and participate in international workshops on water management and invasive species.

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College of Engineering

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Department of Atmospheric Science

Geerts, Bart	Associate Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor Geerts will be a visitor at the University of Karlsruhe in Germany or the University of Delft in Holland. His colleagues at both of these universities are involved in a large field experiment designed to better understand thunderstorms in mountainous regions (convective and orographically induced precipitation.)

Department of Chemical & Petroleum Engineering

Radosz, Maciej	Professor	Fall	2007
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Professor Radosz proposes to develop a research collaboration in the area of carbon recovery materials with a colleague at the University of Erlangen in Germany. In addition, he will visit his Polish collaborator on a project currently funded by NSF, co-teach an international graduate course sponsored by the European Union, and visit a number of research laboratories in Europe. He has been nominated for the prestigious Humboldt award.

Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering

Yavuzturk, Cenk	Associate Professor	Fall	2006
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Professor Yavuzturk will spend his sabbatical at the University of Rostock in Germany. There he will develop research collaborations in the general area of building thermal performance and energy conservation. This is a timely topic that fits well with his current research effort and his teaching activities.

College of Health Sciences

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Division of Communication Disorders

Ukrainetz, Teresa A.	Associate Professor	Spring	2007
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Professor Ukrainetz will be initiating a five-year study in the Denver area examining the impact of two types of phonemic awareness intervention for pre-kindergarten children with language impairment. Children with language impairment are at particular risk for later reading problems, so effective early intervention is important for their academic success.

Division of Medical Education and Public Health

Kelley, Robert O.	Professor and Dean	7/1/06 – 12/31/06	2006
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Professor Kelley will investigate the role of residency training in generalist medicine within the economy of a rural and frontier state; and referesh and enhance his teaching skills through teaching a course in basic clinical histology to undergraduate, pre-professional students at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia.

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University Libraries

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Collection Development

Hert, Tamsen L.	Associate Librarian	8/06-10/06 & 3/07-5/07	2006
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Ms. Hert requests a split sabbatical in order to pursue research on the history of the hotels, lodges and camps of Yellowstone National Park. This project fits with the "History and Culture of Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain Region" as outlined in the Academic Plan. Ms. Hert needs to visit several archives in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana to examine pertinent materials. She is working in collaboration with Lee Whittlesey, Yellowstone National Park Historian. A book is planned as the end result of the research.

2. Academic Professionals

The purpose of professional development leave is to allow academic professionals to enhance their performance, to conduct special studies, or in some other way to undertake planned activities related in a substantial manner to the individual's role at the University.

To be eligible to apply for professional development leave, academic professionals must have been granted an extended-term contract. Initial requests may be submitted no earlier than the seventh year of academic service. If granted, the leave may be taken no earlier than the eighth year. Subsequent leaves must be preceded by a minimum of six additional years of academic service, although no right accrues automatically through lapse of time. Other conditions for professional development leave are generally those that apply to sabbatical leave for faculty.

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Department of Communication & Journalism

Wiltse, Eric M.	Senior Lecturer	Fall	2006
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Mr. Wiltse will develop two online writing courses: COJO 3100 Government Reporting and COJO 4100 Investigative Reporting. The primary audience for the classes would be University of Wyoming Casper College Center students.

Department of English

Clark, Sandra	Senior Lecturer	Spring	2007
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Ms. Clark will develop a first-year composition text drawing on concepts/theories of language acquisition, intercultural communication, and the important elements within the writing process of academic English. The emphasis would be on analytical writing/oral presentation.

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College of Health Sciences

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Division of Communication Disorders

Kelley, Marcia B.	Associate Lecturer	Fall	2006
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Ms. Kelley will develop her clinical skills in diagnosis and treatment of stuttering, taking advantage of the expertise available at the Australian Stuttering Research Centre of the University of Sydney, assist in the development of a curriculum in special education at the University of the Sunshine Coast, and teach a seminar in methods of clinical supervision at that institution.