Students in the IDST seminar class required for all freshmen found themselves in the Way-Back Machine, transported to Athens in 403 B.C. and becoming members of Athenian society. This refreshing way to look at history and how societies function is a program called Reacting to the Past, which was developed at Barnard College in New York City. Although a number of colleges and universities use the program with small groups, such as honors students, Schreiner is one of only a few using RTTP for an entire class of students. Dr. William Woods, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, noted that Schreiner’s use of the program “serves as a strong reminder of our innovative nature.” Class outcomes do not necessarily reflect historical facts. In one class the student-Athenians voted to give women and slaves the right to vote.

Pictured in the top photo is Dr. William Woods with some of his student Athenians. In the bottom photo, also from Dr. Woods’ class, are Conner McLauchlan (left), who played General Thrasybulus, and Dylan Schlemmer, who was a moderate democrat.

Faculty Out and About

Dr. Mary Grace Antony, assistant professor of communication studies, attended the 97th National Communication Association annual conference in November, at which she presented two papers in the Social Cognition and Mass Communication Divisions on the links between real media violence, moral disengagement and empathy. She also chaired a panel for the International and Intercultural Communication Division. She will be receiving the Top Paper in Mass Communication award at the Southern States Communication Association convention in April for her paper “Boys don’t cry... but do girls? Gender, Empathic Distress and Enjoyment of Real Media Violence.” Two of her students’ original research papers have also been accepted for presentation.

Jay McCormack, visiting assistant professor of business, presented Schreiner University’s signature program Integrity Ambassadors in Business in October at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference, Educating for Personal and Social Responsibility, in Long Beach, Calif. He also presented a series of lectures titled “The Perfect Storm: A Discussion of Real Estate Markets, Investments and Forecasts, 2000-2014,” at Wells Fargo’s Private Banking University, San Francisco, in November.