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Student Center for Science Engagement

The Student Center for Science Engagements open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was held September 23, 2010 in SCI-247. Stop by to see the new space.

The Student Center for Science Engagement hosted the Second Annual Student Center for Science Engagement Research Symposium, September 24, 2010. Research presentations by students participating in summer research programs at Northeastern Illinois University sponsored by the Student Center for Science Engagement were showcased.



Happy NEIU Year! Message from the Dean

by Dean Wamucii Njogu

The College of Arts and Sciences has just completed a superb academic year. Student demand for our courses remained strong and our departments have worked hard to meet demand and to strengthen our curricular offerings.

In the past year, the Departments of Art and Music were granted accreditation by their national professional organizations. Let us congratulate Music and Art Department faculty, students and staff for achieving this important milestone. The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures changed its name to World Languages and Cultures to reflect trends in the discipline and a revamped curriculum. The College made significant gains in strengthening lab safety compliance. College faculty and lab managers in the natural sciences developed a chemical hygiene plan.

The Student Center for Science Engagement (SCSE) now has a physical presence in the Science Building. I invite you to visit new staff offices, remodeled state-of-art science laboratories, a student study area (SCI-247) and a new physics computational lab. Over 60 students have done research over the last two summers through the Center – award-winning research that has been presented at regional and national conferences. This project was made possible by a grant in the amount of \$2,159,877 over two years from the Department of Education.

Several departments launched creative projects to engage students in the learning process. As you will see in this newsletter, departments have hosted career fairs, alumni events, student awards ceremonies, café societies, brown bag seminars, speaker series and established scholarships for their students. College students conducted community research and service learning projects in their neighborhoods, tackled internships at Chicago museums, zoos, government agencies and non-profits, and participated in professional meetings and simulation activities such as the Model UN. Many of our students presented their research and creative projects at various conferences including the Annual Student Research and Creative Activities

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Symposium, SACNAS, and at local, regional, national and international conferences. These and other applied learning activities provide superb opportunities for professional development, giving our students an edge for career preparation and moving on to graduate school.

The College welcomed six new faculty members to campus. Wilfredo Alvarez (CMT), Jacqueline Anderson (Social Work), Sara Cordell (Math), Genet Duke (Earth Science), Mateo Farzaneh (History), Emily Garcia (English), Jin Kim (Social Work), Christopher Merchant (Psychology) and Vida Sacic (Art) will add to the intellectual vitality of the College. Please read their brief biographical sketches in this newsletter.

In the past year, seven faculty members were awarded tenure, eight were promoted to the rank of associate professor, and four to full professor. Our faculty members continue to excel in various ways. For instance, Laura Saunders, Professor, Earth Science, was named a United States of

Agriculture E. (Kika) de la Garza Science Fellow for 2010. The fellowship gives faculty and staff from Hispanic Serving Institutions the opportunity to collaborate with the USDA on scientific research and initiatives to address the challenges faced in the development of well prepared Hispanic workforce. Marcelo Sztainberg, Associate Professor, Computer Science was named the 2010-2011 NEIU presidential intern. Prof. Sztainberg is the third CAS faculty to serve in this capacity.

I would like to thank our faculty retirees for many years of dedicated service to our students. Thomas Bracken (English), Randolph Bowcott (Justice Studies), Mira Carlson (Computer Science), Mohamed Haque (Computer Science), Dorette Klein (World Languages and Cultures), Simon Chung (Biology)-served the university with dedication for many years. As many of you know, the new Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs was named in honor of Dr. Pedroso in recogni-

tion of her leadership and commitment to providing higher educational opportunities to all students.

This newsletter highlights several programs that are planned for the coming year. In addition to serving our students, faculty in the CAS are planning and implementing two new interdisciplinary majors - Environmental Science and Latino and Latin American Studies - and an interdisciplinary minor in Child Advocacy (CAST). The first-ever Faculty Research and Creative Symposium will be held on November 12, 2010. In the coming year, the College will implement Advisor-Trac to integrate advising systems across the University, and explore the feasibility of developing new curricular offering for our students.

In closing, the vitality of the College stems from the work that our faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends perform on a daily basis. I look forward to another productive academic year.

Love Your Records Week

by Leotis Dunn



For Love Your Records Week the College of Arts and Sciences hosted Illinois State Archives Steven R. Jones and Gloria Huston to speak on

Record Management to the university community.

The two representatives covered the following topics:

- What is a record?
- Illinois State Records Act
- Application for Authority to Dispose of State Records and procedures
- Records Disposal Certificate and time frame
- Electronic Filing
- E-Mail



Leotis Dunn Jr. is a member of American Records Management International and a staff member of the Dean's office and was emcee of the event.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR E-MAIL: THREE SECRETS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

by Mark Sherkow

Has this ever happened to you? You are speaking to someone at their desk and they want to find an e-mail on their computer. So they go to their in-box and scroll up, scroll down, up, down, and it appears they have many e-mails in their in-box—hundreds or even thousands. Maybe they find what they are looking for, maybe not. Or maybe you are the person doing the looking.

Ok, I admit it, I like to keep a clean desk and work area. And I also like to organize my e-mails. I offer the following as a way that I have gotten control of my e-mails. **IT WORKS—IT IS EASY—AND YOU CAN START USING THIS SYSTEM TODAY.**

There are three secrets to making this work.

1.SECRET #1: HOW TO CREATE FOLDERS WITHIN YOUR IN-BOX

Go to your in-box and right click. There is an option called “new folder.” Click on it. Give it a name. Hit “OK.” Voila! You have created a folder within your in-box. You can

store some of the e-mails that you want to keep inside of this folder! And you can create more folders! It is like creating drawers in a file cabinet—except you can create as many drawers as you want—each of them labeled. The next secret involves what labels to use.

2.SECRET #2: START BY CREATING FOLDERS FOR EACH PERSON WHO SENDS YOU AN E-MAIL.

The first step in trying something new is often the hardest. So an easy first step for this project is simply this: the next e-mail you get that you want to save, create a folder with the name of the sender. Then left-click on the e-mail and “drag and drop” it into the folder. The e-mail is now filed in the labeled folder—and not in the unlabeled in-box. Every time you get another e-mail from that person that you want to save, file it in that folder.

As time passes, you may want to start creating folders for departments, or by function. You may want

to create folders within folders. This allows you to have a group of main folders that can all be seen at one glance, and then sub-folders within each of these.

For example, one of my main folders is called Announcements. Some of the sub-folders are Awards, Events, President/Provost, and Targeted Announcements. Other main folders I have include Faculty, Groups, Other Depts, Reports, and Students.

The key is to create a folder where you will remember that the file is kept, so that you can find it quickly and easily when you need to.

3.SECRET #3: Delete those files you do not need to save.

And after some time has passed, you can create one folder labeled “Old files” or “Files Before 11-1-10” (or whenever you started your filing system) and put ALL the old files in that folder. Then your in-box will be empty!

See me for a demonstration!

NEIU Model United Nation team goes to New York!



This summer the NEIU-Model United Nations traveled to the New York MUN competition representing the Republic of the Philippines. It was an intense week of

competition, simulation, and learning. Sixteen students (thirteen from the College of Arts and Sciences), along with Dr. Marshall Thompson, Political Science, came back filled with extraordinary memories and a higher appreciation of the political, economic, social, and educational world issues. They came back to NEIU classrooms to share and provide their testimonies.

Thank you to all those who supported the NEIU MUN team. They excelled. They performed at their best. But even greater, they conveyed to others - national and international student ambassadors, the message on the high academic preparation they are receiving at North-eastern Illinois University.

Welcome New CAS Faculty

We are happy to announce and to welcome 9 new tenure-track faculty to the College of Arts and Sciences. They began Fall 2010 .



Wilfredo Alvarez - Adjunct Instructor, Communication, Media and Theatre

Alvarez is a doctoral candidate in the final stages of completing his dissertation in the department of communication at the University of Colorado. His dissertation research focuses on the communication experiences of Latino immigrant custodial workers within a United States institution of higher education. He is also interested in organizational communication and social identity, specifically issues related to communication and race/ethnicity, social class and immigration status.



Jacqueline Anderson - Assistant Professor, Social Work

Anderson earned her Ph.D. in social work from Loyola University Chicago. Her dissertation explores "The Nature of Hope Among Women Who Experience Homelessness." She has taught social work at Loyola University Chicago and at Aurora University. She is especially interested in teaching clinical foundations, policy, ethnicity, race and culture, and social welfare. She has been a director of clinical services, a case management program administrator, a therapist, and an outreach worker.



Sarah Cordell - Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Cordell comes to Northeastern from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research centers on creating spaces within classrooms that aid culturally diverse student groups in realizing "broad and equitable notions of mathematics learning." For this area of mathematics education, she uses identity as an analytic lens. She is passionate about teaching math, and she has been doing so since 2002 at several institutions of higher education.



Genet Duke - Assistant Professor, Earth Science

Duke earned her Ph.D. in 2005 from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. She taught for four years at Louisiana State University-Alexandria before coming to NEIU. Genet has done geologic field work in New England, Alaska, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Canada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Arkansas, and Louisiana. She has many peer-reviewed publications and has presented her research at several professional conferences. She loves teaching and she relishes attempting to solve geologic research problems that involve plate tectonics and volcanoes.



Mateo Farzaneh - Assistant Professor, History

Farzaneh is a historian of the Islamic world and the Middle East. He specializes in Iran and Iraq vis-à-vis these two countries' Shiite clerics' political activities during the late 19th century, when Iranians and Ottomans were going through fundamental changes in their sociopolitical systems. Farzaneh's first degree was in nursing, and after eight years of hospital work he followed his passion, history. He recently earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has published several articles and presented his work in California, London and Iran. He currently has three books in progress, as well.

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Emily Garcia - Assistant Professor, English

Garcia comes to Northeastern after four years as assistant professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. She taught classes in English, Latin American studies and honors. Her teaching and research areas are early American and contemporary American literatures, Latino and Latin American literatures, gender studies, postcolonial studies, and literary theory. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection between literature and revolution. Her current book project, "Novel Diplomacies," examines literary representations of independence from a hemispheric perspective.



Jin Kim - Assistant Professor, Social Work

Kim recently earned his Ph.D. in social welfare with a minor certificate in applied economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He previously earned his J.D. and his M.S.W. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2003. His current research examines eligibility and take-up of U.S. public assistance programs among the aged. He has been teaching since 2004, and he subscribes to "a firm teaching philosophy centered on unconditional positive regard for every student in the classroom, the cultivation of a safe and comfortable classroom atmosphere that is conducive to the free flow of ideas and student interaction, and flexibility that allows for teaching strategies to be tailored to the course content being delivered."



Christopher Merchant - Assistant Professor, Psychology

Merchant recently earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan. His dissertation research focused on the social and interpersonal issues that predicted and influenced black adolescent suicidal ideation and depression. His broader research interests involve the study of "connectedness" and how being connected to other individuals, communities or ideas promotes psychological well-being across the lifespan.



Vida Sacic - Assistant Professor, Art

Sacic is a graphic designer who earned her M.F.A. at Indiana University this past August. Prior to completing her M.F.A., Vida worked as an art director in advertising for two international companies in addition to teaching classes at Indiana University. She has curated and judged many exhibitions in the United States and Croatia. She was also awarded the Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship by Indiana University, which enabled her to develop new curricula in graphic design practice and history.

News to Note

African & African American Studies

The African & African American Studies (AFAM) minor is growing. AFAM co-sponsored with the Sociology Department, an event against police torture with Joey Mogul and Darrell Cannon on October 28th.

AFAM (with Social Work Program) will be taking a group of students to Ghana in December, 2010.

Communication Media and Theatre

CMT is going through a review this year, in addition to conducting a search. Currently, faculty are visiting classes and introducing students to the programs offered in Communication. On November 20 and 28 an audio fest will be co-sponsored. Several students will be going to San Francisco. One of CMT's graduate alumni just published his Master's thesis as a book with The Edwin Mellen Press.

Computer Science—The Computer Science Department is conducting a search and the program is being reviewed this year.

Earth Science—In the summer of 2010, Laura Sanders, Professor in the Earth Science Department, was awarded one of twenty E. (Kika) De la Garza Fellowships by the USDA. The fellows, who are highly-accomplished faculty and staff from Hispanic Serving Institutions, were selected based on the compatibility of their research interests with USDA mission areas as well as the value their fellowship experience will add to their institution's educational capacities. Dr. Sanders spent time in Washington D.C. with USDA officials, as well as time in the field

working closely with scientists involved with the USDA.

The Earth Science Department received a grant from the NEIU Student Center for Science Engagement for a summer research project examining the impact of storm runoff on river chemistry in the Chicago area. Faculty members Laura Sanders, Jean Hemzacek, and Ken Voglesonger worked with Earth Science students Robert Drapeau, Erik Gilmore, Jeffrey Havey, Megan Murphy, David Salinas, and Ian Stark on the project. Results will be presented at the Student Center for Science Engagement Research Symposium, as well as at the Society for the Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference this fall.

Ken Voglesonger, Assistant Professor in the Earth Science Department, was part of an interdisciplinary team of faculty and students working on a project examining contamination of harbors with gasoline additives along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The project was funded by the NEIU Student Center for Science Engagement, and involved faculty members Pamela Geddes (Biology), Aaron Schirmer (Biology), and Ken Nicholson (Chemistry). The student members of the research group were Sumitra Gurung (Biology), JJ Mulliken (Earth Science), Steve Ryan (Chemistry), Jeny Semoon (Biology), and Kristen Veldman (Chemistry). Results will be presented at the Student Center for Science Engagement Research Symposium, as well as at the Society for the Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans In Science (SACNAS) National Conference this fall.

Earth Science senior, JJ Mulliken, participated in two separate field experiences this summer. She won a Geological Society of America

Exxon Mobil Bighorn Basin Field Award, where she participated in a weeklong study of petroleum geology in North Central Wyoming. She also was selected for a National Science Foundation funded study of geocognition, where she spent three days in Montana examining rock formations in the field while recording her observations on a tape recorder. Later, researchers will study the recordings to learn more about how geologists make field observations and put them together to make conclusions about geologic structures and processes.

Earth Science senior, Robert Drapeau, worked as an intern for the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in the summer of 2010. He worked with NRCS soil scientists to sample, analyze, classify, and map soils in the field at sites all over Cook County. The work will contribute to creating a map of the different types of soils present in Illinois.

Earth Science Faculty Laura Sanders (Principal Investigator), Jean Hemzacek (Co – Principal Investigator), and Ken Voglesonger (Co –Principal Investigator) spent the summer purchasing equipment, designing activities, and implementing a \$189,000 National Science Foundation grant. The grant, which was funded through the Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences program, is funding the development of a new First Year Experience Course entitled ESCI 109W Chicago's Muddy Waters: Chicago's Environmental Geology. The course will focus on field sampling and laboratory measurements related to issues concerning environmental geology in an urban area. The course is being offered for the first time Fall 2010.

Laura Sanders (Principal Investigator), Jean Hemzacek (Co – Principal Investigator), and Ken Voglesonger (Co – Principal Investigator), faculty in the Earth Science Department, were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the USDA to fund the TIERRA Project:



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Spotlight on Staff

by Cynthia Aguirre

This year we've decided to again highlight some of our wonderful staff in the College of Arts and Sciences! We'll continue to pick our subjects randomly. We've also included a few comments because there are so many positive things to say about our CAS Staff!

Jeanette Hernandez

Although I had already been at Northeastern as a student for a year, I started as an employee in Fall of 1992. I have been the full time Administrative Aide in the Department of World Languages and Cultures (formerly Foreign Languages and Literatures) ever since. I was impressed by the intellectual environment, the option to join a union, the tuition waiver, and shut-down between Christmas and New Year's. Of course, we have great students and faculty--I smile and give them my undivided attention. Although every day is different, my days never drag--before I know it, I'm past my quitting time!

Over my years at NEIU I completed two BAs---the first in Sociology and Women's Studies and the second in Philosophy. Most recently, I finished a Master's degree in Political Science. I took the thesis option and knowing that it rests in the Graduate College is a great feeling!

In my off hours, I like to work with my hands, and having a house brings plenty of opportunities to nail stuff up and fix things that break. I also like to sew, read and cook for relaxation. My two big passions are travel and green living--a contradiction, but life is short and we have quite the planet full of fascinating people--in the last couple of years, I've visited Greece, Hawaii, Israel & Palestine, Colombia, and French Canada. I hope to make it to Australia, both Koreas, Turkey, Botswana, and ski the Andes before I die! But I can't take more than I give,

so to atone for my long-haul flights I do what I call "zero energy" days---I ride my bike, don't listen to music and eat raw foods. Although I still use hot water and refrigeration, my energy bills are usually around \$20 a month. Everything I save goes in the vacation fund.....

I share my house with a 10 year-old Lab/Shepherd mix dog I named Naomi, from my favorite Bible story. She loves long walks in the forest preserve and romps in the snow! As the fall approaches, we both look forward to cooler weather. My plans for the fall are to learn French and teach social studies as a volunteer at the Dorothy Stang Popular Education Adult High School. These will both be big challenges in uncharted territory, but I am excited and optimistic--I'm grateful for the opportunity to give and receive.

A few comments about Jeanette

"Jeanette is always kind and helpful as a Department Secretary. On a personal level she is involved with the Chicago Community. She is also very bright and holds profound visions of global problems. She is an asset to our university and, having received undergraduate and graduate degree from NEIU, she represents the quality of students that NEIU has." - Patricio Rizzo-Vast

"Jeanette is the glue that holds the Department together. She does everything she has to do very professionally, of course, but what endears her to everyone is her ability to connect on a personal level with everyone, from our students to the highest levels of the administration. And of course, she remembers birthdays! Thank you Jeanette!" - Paul Schroeder Rodriguez
"Jeanette Hernandez serves as the

department secretary of World Languages and Cultures. Her department colleagues are very lucky in that Jeanette possesses a skill-set found only in the chosen few. She is bilingual, a cheerful greeter, a fount of wisdom, a shoulder to cry on, an event organizer, a technical go-to person, the answer person, the Banner person, the person who never loses her temper person, an M.A. in Political Science, and a great cook. In short she is a wonder." - Mary Ellen McGoey

"Jeanette is a timeless classic. She is generous with her time and knowledge. Without a doubt, she works the hardest in our department, and I have NEVER heard her complain about anything! And, despite her demanding work schedule she has accomplished so much personally and professionally. I am so excited for her and all that she has done--she is very intelligent and knows many cultures through her travels to other countries. She brightens everyone's day and makes our work a lot easier. I am fortunate to call her a colleague and friend." - Denise Cloonan

"I don't know Jeanette, but over the 4 years I've been "monitoring" her and she is ALWAYS ALWAYS friendly and super helpful. I wish the best for people like her because they make the department look so much better." - student, Caroline Buitrago

"I have know Jeanette for about ten years as the secretary of the Department of World Languages and Cultures. In the years she acted more as a friend to me, than a secretary. She is always eager to help. She is very dependable, very friendly, honest, and trustworthy. Since I work part-time, very often I ask her for help after business hours; she never refuses helping me." - [Czeslawa](#) Kolak

AFRICAN SUMMER INSTITUTE: A HUGE SUCCESS & A BIG THANK-YOU

"Until lions have their own historians, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunter"



The African Summer Institute at North-eastern Illinois University continues to build a strong link between NEIU, the Chicago Public Schools, and other institutions in the Chicagoland area. The Summer Institute is a three-week intensive program designed: (1) to provide teachers and other participants with the interdisciplinary content required to teach about Africa in an accurate and objective manner; and (2) to assist teachers and other participants in developing primary and supplementary resources for classroom use. Participants are introduced to the rich heritage of African culture, music and arts and given the opportunity to discuss the conti-

nent's geography, pre-colonial and colonial history, oral and written history, its languages and ethnicity, the family systems, and political and democratic systems. At the completion of the institute, participants walk away with a knowledge base and pedagogical skills they can utilize to develop lesson plans and classroom curricula about Africa and its peoples.

The overall goal of the institute continues to be to advance knowledge and understanding of the African continent and its peoples and to explore new and more effective approaches to teaching about Africa. During this year's summer institute (July 6th to July 23rd 2010), twenty-one (21) public school teachers, NEIU students, and instructors from the City Colleges of Chicago enrolled in the Institute and completed the course. We covered the following content areas during the institute: Perspectives on Teaching About Africa (Dr. Ntahirageza); African Geography (Dr. Thompson); Prehistory of Africa (Dr. Kilzer); Indigenous

education systems in Africa (Dr. Mushi); Nationalism and Independence (Dr. Frank); Teaching About Africa Using World Wide Web (Dr. Okosun); Teaching About Africa Using Films (Dr. Shonekan); African Family Structure (Dr. Ngwe); Continuity and Change (Dr. BarBara Scott); Pre-colonial History of Africa (Dr. Wheeler); Post-colonial History of Africa (Dr. Wheeler); Society and Religion in Africa (Dr. Luedke); Teaching About the Slave Trade (Dr. Okosun); Multilingualism and Multi-ethnicity: A mismatch (Ntahirageza); Teaching about Africa through story telling (The Griot: Mr. Kouyate); African Belief Systems (Dr. Kasule); Modern Political Institutions of Africa (Dr. Thompson); Teaching about Africa through Literature (Dr. Rowls); Teaching African Tradition and Culture through Proverbs (Dr. Njogu); Teaching About African Health Issues (Dr. Stanley); and Teaching about Africa through Music (Mr. Logan).

Upcoming Pre-Law Events

by David Nissim-Sabat

Welcome back! We have several pre-law events to be held at NEIU that are being created for fall and spring. Additionally, CLEO (Council on Legal Education Opportunity) is providing several free events throughout Chicago. Here is what we have on the books so far:

A Complete LSAT Class On-Campus at NEIU

NEXT STEP TEST PREP is offering an LSAT prep course on campus this fall beginning September 21st. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-9:30pm over 10 weeks and is ideal for those planning to take the LSAT in December or February. The cost of the class is \$685 which is significantly reduced compared to other prep course options.

More info: <http://www.nextsteptestprep.com/services/neiu-on-campus-lsat-class/>

Chicago Law School Forum

Saturday, October 30th - The Chicago Law School Forum will be held at Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. Martin Luther King Drive, from 10am - 4pm. Forums are held throughout the United States to give prospective law students an opportunity to talk personally with representatives from ABA-approved law schools. If you are thinking about law school, regardless of your age, background, and goals, the forums can help you answer important questions, such as:

- How does the admission process work?
- What is the best way to prepare for

the LSAT?

- How can you finance your legal education?
- What law schools are best for you?
- Do you have the ability and educational background that will help you succeed in law school?
- What will a legal education train you to do?
- How is diversity encouraged in law school and the legal system?

Admission to all Law School Forums is free. By preregistering you can save time at the forum and receive reminders and updates about the forums, including other great things to do in the cities where forums are being held.

More info: <http://www.lsac.org/JD/Choose/forums-and-other-events.asp>

**Centers of Globalization Conference Series:
Find the World in Albany Park--Globalization in Our Backyard
April 14-16, 2011**

From the early 1900s to today, Albany Park is 5 km² that encompasses the world! As one of the most culturally diverse places in the United States, Albany Park defines the global village. Through provocative and thoughtful discussions, workshops, and performances, local leaders with cultural ties from every continent will share their innovative work in education, non-profits, business, and the arts at the intersection of culture and global change. *Find the World in Albany Park--Globalization in Our Backyard*, will grapple with some of the most important and pressing issues of yesterday, today, and tomorrow—issues that directly affect families and neighborhoods in the greater Albany Park area.

Pre-conference events will begin this fall, 2010, and will continue up to the culminating three-day conference in spring, 2011.

All events are open to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Sponsors to-date:

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)

Department of Sociology, African & African American Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Women's Studies Programs, NEIU

North Park University

Locations to-date:

Northeastern Illinois University

Other Community-Based Locations

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Joel Bookman (Director of Programs, LISC/Chicago)

Raul Botello (Youth Development Coordinator, Albany Park Neighborhood Council)

Jenise Celestin (Manager, Community Relations, Swedish Covenant Hospital)

Inchul Choi (Executive Director, Korean American Community Services)

David Feiner (Producing Artistic Director, Albany Park Theater Project)

Maria Luna-Duarte (Acting Director, El Centro, NEIU)

Suleyma Pérez (Director, Government Relations, Office of the President, NEIU)

Yasmin Ranney (Director, Asian and Global Resource Center, NEIU)

Kompha Seth (Executive Director, Cambodian Association of Illinois)

Radhika Sharma-Gordon (Coalition Coordinator, Healthy Albany Park)

Rev. Rodney Walker (Executive Director, North River Commission)

Shirley Castelnuovo Memorial Tribute

On Wednesday, November 17th, 7:30-9pm, the Political Science Department at Northeastern Illinois University will host a special memorial reception for professor emeritus, Dr. Shirley Castelnuovo (1930-2010). Dr. Castelnuovo served as a professor in the Political Science Department for over 26 years from 1968 to 1994. She touched the lives of many students, alumni and faculty at Northeastern with her great teaching, productive scholarship, and passion for political science, political theory, women's studies and, especially, her interest in Japanese American history.

In September 2008, Dr. Castelnuovo presented a special lecture at Northeastern Illinois University on her most recent book, *Soldiers of Conscience: Japanese American Military Resisters in World War II*. The book

was the culmination of over two decades of research on a nearly forgotten group of courageous men who refused military service while their families were interned. In 1981, Castelnuovo was instrumental in bringing the U.S. Congress-mandated Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings to NEIU's campus. This major national event gave voice to Japanese American citizens who were imprisoned by the U.S. government during World War II due to their ancestry and ultimately resulted in a formal apology from the U.S. government and redress for the victims of the internment.

A special endowed memorial scholarship has been established in Dr. Castelnuovo's honor by the generous contributions of family, close friends and members of the NEIU community. If you are interested in making a

gift to the Shirley Castelnuovo Memorial Scholarship, you can do so online at www.neiu.edu/give. You can also write a check to: NEIU Foundation, notate "Shirley Castelnuovo Memorial Scholarship" and mail to NEIU Foundation, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Liesl Downey, Office of Development, at 773-442-4216, or e-mail L_downey@neiu.edu



Shirley Castelnuovo

Getting Ready for a New Experience in the NEIU First Annual Faculty Research Symposium

Symposium Steering Committee

On Friday, November 12, 2010, the academic community in all disciplines at the Northeastern Illinois University will be engaged in the NEIU First Annual Faculty Research Symposium. This stimulating event will provide a unique opportunity to bring together colleagues from different disciplines to share their research conducted individually or through multidisciplinary and/or collaborative work. In addition, small panels will allow for substantive presentations and interdisciplinary discussion. This symposium furthers the principle of good teaching informed by good research. It provides an opportunity for the community to become more aware of the research conducted by the

faculty, and an opportunity for lively and respectful dialog on themes presented. To further broaden this dialog, non-faculty administrators with scholarly research findings appropriate for presentation are also welcome to participate.

Original research work will take the form of an oral presentation. Participants will be divided into diverse categories and their research delivered in several concurrent sessions. Each oral presentation is limited to thirty minutes followed by a ten-minute discussion. The body of the abstract, which should be submitted no later than October 6, should not be less than 350 words and should not exceed 450 words. It must contain sufficient information to clearly identify: research objective(s)

of the work; the significance or importance of the project; the methodology(s) used; summary of results and a statement of conclusions. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the Symposium Programs and will be available to all participants and distributed electronically prior to the symposium. For further information, contact your college representative in the steering committee: John Albazi (S-Albazi@neiu.edu); College of Arts and Sciences; Saba Ayman-Nolley (S-Ayman-Nolley@neiu.edu) for the Graduate College; Alberto Lopez (A-Lopez@neiu.edu), College of Education; Dragan Milovanovic (D-Milovanovic@neiu.edu), College of Arts and Sciences; and Rasoul Rezvanian (R-Rezvanian@neiu.edu), College of Business and Management

College of Arts and Sciences—Student Accomplishments

The College of Arts and Sciences is delighted to share the accomplishments of our students who are currently enrolled in the listed programs.

Anthropology

Sylvia Deskaj Ph.D. Michigan State University
 Abigail Middleton Ph.D. University of Missouri
 Suhad Tabahi Medical School University of Chicago
 Sylvania Deskaj Co-authored a presentation on her summer 2008 archaeological work in Albania at the 74th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.

Biology

Saleh Akhras Dental School, University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry
 Jenny Crosby Veterinary Medicine, University of Sydney (Australia)
 Kingsley Abode Iyama Allopathic Medicine Program, University of Iowa
 Rafal Krejza Osteopathic Medicine, Des Moines University
 Michale Kline Allopathic Medicine Program, University of Chicago
 Melissa Anderson Ph.D. Dean Kedes' lab at University of Virginia
 Chris Brandon Ph.D. University of South Carolina
 Moneen Jones Ph.D. University of Illinois
 Marlene Brito Ph.D. Scripps/UCSD, NSF 2 Fellowship Offers, Predoctoral Fellowship and Fellowship offer from Ford Foundation

Chemistry

Anna Gawedzka M.S. Pharmacology, Oxford University
 Steven Jerome Ph.D. Chemistry, UCLA
 Vesna Kordic Ph.D.
 Mark Majewski Ph.D. University of Notre Dame

Economics

Michael Stoklosa Earned Econ/Finance Degree at Northeastern, afterwards attended Warsaw University. Attended and presented research projects at three international conferences. Mr. Stoklosa is currently employed as an Economist for the American Cancer Society in Atlanta Georgia.

English

Michelle Baroody Doctoral Program, University of Minnesota (Fully Funded)
 Elizabeth Rodriguez Doctoral Program, Northwestern University (Fully Funded)
 Through a facebook fundraising campaign, the English Department raised approximately **\$2,300.00** which it used to fund a Student Award Ceremony. \$1,100 in cash awards were disbursed to students on the basis of work they submitted for evaluation. The remaining funds will be saved for next year's awards or to begin an endowed scholarship.

Foreign Languages and Literatures

Jeremy Doan Ph.D. NYU (Full Scholarship)

Geography and Environmental Studies

Moneen Jones Ph.D. Rutgers
 Jim Anderson Natural Resource Manager, Lake County Forest Preserve
 Michael Martines Special Assistant for Natural Resources Conservation Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
 Lynn Westphal Ph.D. Research Social Scientist, U.S. Forest Service.
 Former faculty member donated funds to the department's Environmental Fund.

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Targeted Investigations of Earth Resources Related to Agriculture. This project will focus on offering students between their freshman and sophomore years summer research opportunities in soil science in the Illinois area. The project will begin in the summer of 2011.

English—The English Department has had two successful undergraduate orientations. October 19, mystery novelist, Tim Sheard gave a talk on Publishing. His novels include *Slim to None, This Won't Hurt a Bit, Some Cuts Never Heal, and A Race Against Death*

Geography and Environmental Studies—is currently conducting a search. They are in the process of revising the web page and will soon be putting out a new newsletter. The third annual department picnic was held in August. The number of Majors appear to be growing, and the GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Certificate has 50 students at its one year anniversary. GES will host GIS Day on November 17th with an event in the Student Union.

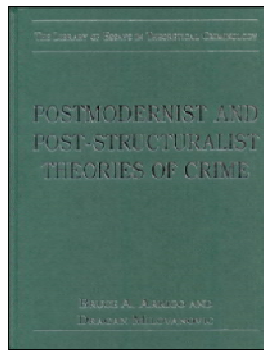
History—Out of the 1600 seats offered, 1550 seats were filled through the first three weeks of classes. Graduate Enrollments have also risen: Owing to the efforts of Graduate Coordinator, Zachary Schiffman, the incoming class numbers 17. All told, the History Graduate program currently enrolls about 50 students; the program has graduated 25 M.As. over the last four years.

On Thursday, October 21, History will sponsor a Professional Development Workshop, "What You Should Know about Applying to Graduate School". Time: 3:00-4:00 pm; Place: LWH 3044. Students in social sciences and humanities invited to attend.

Justice Studies—The first Justice Studies newsletter is out.

Since becoming an independent depart-

ment in 2008, Justice Studies continues to mature. The faculty members are involved in a variety of activities, such as: curriculum development, pedagogical innovation, sponsoring co-curricular events, working with communities throughout Chicagoland and, in general, engaging the larger world. Their students, taking cues from the faculty, are following suit. This fall, the department welcomed over 75 new majors.



Literally fresh off the press is Professor Dragan Milovanovic's new co-authored book, *Postmodernist and Post-Structuralist Theories of Crime*. This volume presents the rich and provocative historical, theoretical, methodological, and applied developments within affirmative post-modern and post-structural criminology. This includes the evolution of thought that embraces the "linguistic turn" in crime, law justice, and social change.

Justice Studies, in conjunction with NEIU's departments of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, is working now to create a new minor, Child Advocate Studies (CAST). The CAST minor will educate students about the unique issues facing youth today, and will provide specific training on how to work with the growing population of youth who, due to issues frequently beyond their control, are involved in the courts and other state agencies. Look for more information about this in the coming months.

Beginning in the fall of 2009, Professor Kingsley Clark, working with some students in his internship seminar, took over publishing *Stateville Speaks*, a prison

newsletter that started seven years ago



as a one-time *zine*. It now has a subscription base of over 3,000 people around the state. Its circulation includes inmates and their families, prison reform advocates, state legislators, public officials and concerned private citizens. Gayle Tulipano, a Justice Studies graduate now pursuing a masters degree, serves as the student editor. This publication is a vehicle whereby prisoners can express themselves on a variety of issues utilizing narrative, poetry and art, and to share what's going down "on the inside." It is also a forum for discussing prison reform issues. Though NEIU has only become officially involved with *Stateville Speaks* in the last year, Justice Studies students were the first reporters to interview Michael Randle, Illinois' new Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections. By working on this newsletter, students learn how to publish a newsletter, do investigative reporting, and get opportunities to visit prisons. They also meet with parole board members, the families of prisoners, and with state legislators. It is from these experiences that they begin to understand how organizing and advocacy work is conducted.

As stated previously, following the lead of Justice Studies faculty, Justice Studies students are making their presence known outside the walls of NEIU. An article written by Justice Studies student Angel Velez, "Beyond the Border: How Latinos are Redefining America and Its Politics," was just published in the *NEWS 21* blog, a national initiative led by the nation's leading journalism

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schools. As part of *NEWS 21*, students from around the country report on critical issues facing our changing nation and then find innovative ways to tell those stories.

The Justice Studies Department, in collaboration with NEIU's Justice Studies club, headed an effort to collect donations for victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan. Some 20 million Pakistanis have been affected by this catastrophe.

During the 2010 academic year, the Justice Studies Club (JSC) worked with the department to respond to the Haitian earthquake, supplying the people-power to transport four carloads of materials to the Haitian Congress, the agency that coordinated the relief effort on the north side of Chicago. JSC also worked with the department to bring an American Red Cross lecture series to NEIU that featured Jimmie Briggs, noted author of *Innocence Lost*. Additional work with the Red Cross included organizing a one-day teacher training on how to educate K-12 teachers about international humanitarian law. JSC's biggest event last year was organizing a trip to Washington, D.C. for club members to participate in the march on Washington for immigration reform. The club utilized funds generated by its many fund-raising activities



to assist club members to make the trip. The University felt this endeavor was of significant importance to warrant the nomination of Leadership Awards for club president Sherilyn Maddex, vice-president Ebony Kennebrew, and advisor T.Y. Okosun.

This fall the club will continue its fund-raising efforts. Monies from members' activities will be used to contribute to the Rory Donnelly Award, which helps single mothers pay for their children's education, as well as to provide a monetary prize to the winner of the department's annual Justice Studies Award. As demonstrated by these many activities, it's clear that the Justice Studies Department takes very seriously the University's motto of "Learn in the city; Lead in the world."

Linguistics—The number of declared majors is steady. There are a number of students going to conferences.

Mathematics—Math classes are full. A student Math club is starting up. They will be conducting a search and the program is up for review.

Music and Dance Program—The Department of Music brought 70 students to Orchestra Hall on September 23, 2010 to listen to an open dress rehearsal of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Ricardo Muti.

Physics—The Natural Sciences sent 40 students to SACNAS.

Political Science—During 2009-2010, we counted twenty-three of our students accepted to advanced degree programs including five doctoral programs, six law school programs, and a variety of masters-level programs. These graduate programs ranged across eight states and the District of Columbia and one foreign nation.

Dr. Sangmin Bae was awarded an Abe Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), worth \$60,956, for research in Japan during fall 2010 and summer 2011.

The Department is hosting its third Political Science Career Day, organized by Dr. Ellen Cannon and Dr. Gregory Nedenriep, Thursday, November 4, Golden

Eagles Room. Sessions will run from 8am until 9pm with a special thematic emphasis this year on law-related careers. All are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, November 17, 7:30-9pm, the Department will hold a memorial celebration of the life of Dr. Shirley Castelnovo, Professor Emerita of Political Science, who passed away in March 2010. This event, held in the Recital Hall, will include the launching of the Shirley Castelnovo Fund for Political Science.

Psychology—The Conference on Art in Response to Violence was held September 30 and October 1.

There will be a Psychology orientation in October.

Psychology is finalizing the last stages of setting up a new cognitive research/teaching lab in room 319 to be used mostly, but not exclusively, for studies on brain lateralization. They have also re-organized their animal labs for study of perception in fish.

Four of the Psychology faculty participated in the Chicago Triathlon this year -- Masami Takahashi, Shannon Saszik, David Farmer, and Amanda Dykema-Engblade.

This fall, Maureen Erber and Terry Schuepfer are teaching the first community service learning course in Psychology. Psychology is also offering one new hybrid course this fall, Psych 200, developed by Maureen Erber with assistance from Amanda Dykema-Engblade and our Fellow from Northwestern university, Greg Damm.

Saba Ayman-Nolley and Breckie Church, along with 5 students and alum, presented three papers at the annual international Jean Piaget conference held in St. Louis, MO June 2010.

Masami Takahashi presented with one

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of our students at the Japan Socio-Gerontological Society annual conference, Nagoya, Japan, June 2010.

So far Psychology has received news of over 25 of our alumni who have been accepted to graduate programs.

Social Work—The Department of Social Work will have the largest group of students completing their yearlong 512 hour internship this fall with 103 students in field placements in and around the Chicagoland area.

The department had their annual field instructor's meeting on Friday, September 28th, hosting field supervisors and students for a full day of meetings and activities.

The Department of Social Work co-hosted events with El Centro in October: The Latino Social Work Organization with a focus on military families, the Social Work Response, and Career Paths for Social Workers.

Milagros Soto, SWK's work-study student, will be leaving this fall to work in Puerto Rico. She will be greatly missed as she has provided excellent support of the program and its students for three years.

Field Supervisor's Meeting on September 24, 2010 – One hundred Social Work students and their field supervisors attended a breakfast meeting to review academic year and practicum expectations. The guest speakers from Ceasefire spoke about Social Work's response to community violence. All students met with Ceasefire members in breakout groups to brainstorm about NEIU Social Work students' projects in the community at their various agencies to respond to these social issues. NEIU Social Work students are placed in 54 different social service agencies in the Chicagoland area.

The Department of Social Work had two graduate school forums for our Social Work students. On October 5th at 3pm in LWH 3081 with representatives from

Loyola University and University of Chicago. On October 26th, SWK had a graduate school forum from 8-10am for daytime students and 4-6pm at El Centro, to meet the needs of both day and night time students, with representatives from Dominican University. NEIU Social Work Program is one of the primary feeder programs to area graduate schools in Social Work and Public Administration, with 75% of our students going on to graduate school within the first two years post graduation.

The Fall Annual Event for the Social Work Program was "A Day at the Movies." All students, faculty and staff were invited to attend "Waiting for Superman" on Sunday, October 17th. Last year, we viewed "Precious" with 63 students and faculty attending, followed by a lively dinner discussion.

Sociology—Sociology enrollment is high. SOC graduate Jorge Ortiz is now in UIC's doctoral program in Sociology, and a number of other graduates are making their way through Master's and Doctoral programs. The Department of Sociology co-sponsored an event on Chicago Police Department torture featuring civil rights attorney Jody Mogul and police torture survivor and activist Darrell Cannon on October 28th, 3:05-4:05pm (LWH 1001) and 5:40-6:55pm (SU 214).

Teaching English as a Second Language—Enrollments are up. There are 100 new graduate students. The program has been invited to a joint conference in Japan next year.

Woman's Studies Program—Hosted a new student reception.

World Languages and Cultures—We begin this year with a new name—World Languages and Cultures—and newly revamped Majors and Minors in Spanish and French Studies characterized by greater flexibility for the French program, a more rigorous academic

sequence for the Spanish program, and a wider variety of upper-level courses on literature and culture for both our programs in French and Spanish.

Denise Cloonan Cortez de Andersen published what several reviewers predicted will be the new standard textbook for courses on Spanish Applied Linguistics: *Contornos del habla: fonología y fonética del español* (London and New Haven, CT: Yale UP: 2009.) Congratulations Denise!

Angelina Pedroso and Dorette Klein, whose combined service to NEIU exceeded eighty years, retired with the title of Emeritus Associate Professor, and Angelina Pedroso also had NEIU's new Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs named in her honor. In addition, Karin Alfaro, an instructor of Spanish who worked with the Department for eight years, accepted a teaching position with the Evanston/Skokie School District. The Department will miss their presence and wishes them a successful transition to a new life full of possibilities for further growth. In response to these personnel changes, the Department hired two new full-time instructors in Spanish (Raúl Dorantes and Emma Rodríguez), and one part-time instructor in French (Elaine Harris). We welcome them to our team and look forward to a promising year ahead.

Student Center for Science Engagement—There was a ribbon cutting ceremony in to celebrate the completion of the Center. Everyone is invited to check out the renovated space in S247 and S235.

First Year Writing Program—The program is in its 4th year of a title V grant. They have been developing some fully on-line courses and gearing up for teacher evaluations.

Office of Cultural Events will host the annual talent show.

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History

Anthony DiLorenzo Ph.D. Loyola University
Elizabeth Rodriguez Ph.D. Northwestern University

Justice Studies

Stephen Joel Gulledge First Recipient of the Tom Dalof Heroes Award
Jorge Ortiz Accepted into McNair Scholars Program
Keeanga Taylor Winner of the Best first-Year Paper Award at Northwestern University.
Emilia Crespo M.S. Nova Southeastern University

Linguistics/Tesl/Tefl

Aylin Atilgan Ph.D. Purdue University
Dustin DeFelice Ph.D. University of South Florida

Music

With the help of the Development Office, the music department raised approximately \$4500 with matching contribution from an anonymous donor. **Total = \$9,000.**

Political Science

Andrea Cottrell M.A. Purdue University
Gina Harkins Awarded Brommel-Feigenholtz scholarship
Elzbieta Myszka John Marshall Law School
Nereida Salas M.A. /Ph.D. University of Illinois, awarded Abraham Lincoln Graduate Fellowship

Psychology

Christine Leone Ph.D. University of Chicago, (4 year funding)
Katharina Kluwe Ph.D. Loyola (Tuition waiver and funding)
Lauren Kimener Ph.D. University of Cincinnati (Funded)
Ronnie Doss Psy.D. Adler

Sociology

Nakeishea Loi Smith M.A MIT Received her American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) designation.
Jorge Ortiz M.A. University of Chicago (Fully Funded)
The Sociology Emeritus Professor Fund was established by emeritus professors in the Northeastern Illinois University Sociology Program in collaboration with the Chair of Sociology to support on-campus workshops and lectures related to putting a sociological perspective on social justice into practice in the classroom, on campus, in the community, nationally, and/or globally. The work to establish this fund was spearheaded by emeritus Sociology professor, Martha Thompson. **Total contributions \$1,050.00**