Welcome Back! After a year of on-line courses and remote work, Lake Forest College is open to all students again. We are excited to see students in person and look forward to the new school year!

In the next few weeks, the MLS and Community Education programs will be moving into a new location, 110 Buchanan Hall. Buchanan Hall is the building located between the Sports Center and Public Safety buildings on South Campus. If you park in the Sports Center parking lot, and enter the building through the ramp entrance, our office will be directly on your left as you come through the door. The area has plenty of room for us and parking for you! We expect to be in the new office in mid-September. Until then, we are temporarily located in rooms 217 and 218 Buchanan Hall. Come and visit when you can!

New Graduates

We held our first virtual graduation ceremony for the 2020 and 2021 graduates of the MLS program last May. Michael Busse ’20, Ellyn Ruhlmann ’20, and Vivienne Bolton ’21 and their friends and family joined us on-line as we watched them don their graduate hoods, and then listened to their experiences in the MLS program. To hear their stories, check out the newly updated MLS webpage.

MLS Program News

Last year the MLS Alumni Board was reinstated. Currently serving on the board are Michael Busse ’20, Ellyn Ruhlmann ’20, Vicki Newman ’16, and MLS student, Bill Wozencraft. The Board met several times with the MLS Committee to discuss the future of the program. Thanks to their input, we are implementing some new marketing strategies, certificate programs, and cost-saving measures. If you have any suggestions or topics you would like this group to address, please contact Carol, Dan, or one of the alumni serving on the Board.

Evan Oxman, Associate Professor of Politics, is teaching MLS 528 Liberty this fall. This course, which has not been taught since 2010, is especially relevant today as it explores individual rights, conflicts between equality and freedom, psychological explorations of freedom, conflicts between states and individual liberties, and other topics.

Professor Oxman will be maintaining the interdisciplinary nature of the course through a wide range of readings and faculty guest speakers. If you are interested in registering for this seminar, please contact Carol Gayle. MLS alumni can audit for $600, providing there is space in the course. The seminar begins Monday, September 13.

Writing By the Lake Workshop

If you would like a diversion, but don’t want to sign up for a semester course, what about the writing workshop offered by Community Education? Ben Goluboff, Professor of English, will hold a four-session Writing by the Lake (WBL) workshop on Prose and Poetry starting October 6. See the WBL website for more details.

Alumni News

Shauna Flesch ’16 recently shared the happy news that she married Bryan Coate last year. Her sister, Jordan Flesch ’16, was also married in the past year to Matt Weber. Congratulations to both!


Anita Cukier ’99 published a book this past year entitled Castles in the Sky. It is also available to purchase on amazon.com.

Sadly, we inform you that Ingrid Rosser ’04 passed away on August 8, 2020. Her daughter told us she had fond memories of the MLS program and the people she met through it.

Fall Social

Our Fall Social is scheduled for October 25 at 5:30 pm in Glen Rowan House. The MLS faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you again, sharing some food and conversation, and congratulating our recent graduates in person. We hope you can attend!

If you would like to receive this electronically, please send an email to me at klein@lakeforest.edu and I’ll add you to the list. Remember to follow us and share your thoughts on the MLS Facebook page.