



MLS Newsletter

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Even though we had a mild winter by Chicago standards, the thought of colorful flowers and green lawns replacing a rather grey landscape has us anxious for spring. With spring come plans for our graduation and summer programs. This year the Community Education department is building on the success of the Writing By The Lake program, which was first offered last year as a series of short, non-credit writing sessions for community members. Writing By The Lake courses will be offered again this summer along with such new courses as Baseball By The Lake, a series of lectures on Chicago's teams and field trips to both Chicago baseball parks to watch games, as well as Jamming By The Lake, which offers a chance to find your inner musician through the use of nontraditional instruments. Finally, two courses, each called Cinema By The Lake, will show and discuss some classic films in May and July. Check out these options along with our entire line-up of summer session courses for credit at <http://www.lakeforest.edu/academics/summer/>.

New Graduates

Jordan and Shauna Flesch completed their requirements for the MLS degree in December, and will receive their graduate hoods on May 6, along with anticipated graduates, **Monica Kielawa, Jeff Lobo, and Mike Dau**. We hope you can join us for the reception at the Glen Rowan House to congratulate them on their achievements. Invitations will be mailed in the coming weeks.

Save the Date!
May 6, 2016, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
MLS Hooding Ceremony
and Graduate Reception

Sad News

In June of this past year, we lost **Bobbie Glick '99**. Then in February of 2016, we learned that **David Krantz, Emeritus Professor of Psychology** and former instructor in the MLS program, had passed away. Some of you may remember him from such courses as Cinema and Society, War and Peace: Conflict and Human Nature, Ways of Knowing, and Changing Images of Human Nature. Our hearts go out to their families.

Alumni News

On a happier note, we want to congratulate several of our alumni who shared some recent career changes with us. **Jordan Flesch '16** was promoted to Senior Account Manager for Portfolio Management at Snap-on Credit LLC, and her sister, **Shauna Flesch '16**, also received a promotion with the same company to Franchise Finance Administrator. **Jolene Riordan '15** moved into a new job last year working for the American Dental Association, preparing test questions for licensure exams. **Peggy Busceni '05** has taken a job as Program Manager at ESSE Adult Day Services.

Dr. Larry Milner '01 published yet another book last year, *Tainted Hands: An Encounter with the Mosaic*

Code, which explores why Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land.

Mike Dau '16, Coach for Lake Forest College's handball teams, won his 50th national title at the United States Handball Association Collegiate National Championships in February.

Pauline Mohr '08 and her husband, Roger, were recognized earlier this year for their years of service to the City of Lake Forest at a City Council Meeting when they became the first dual recipients of the Lawrence R. Temple Distinguished Service Award.

Jane Steen '06 and her family are moving to England where they recently purchased a house. Jane, a published author, is excited about the fact she will be living in the same area where Henry James lived, and where the Mapp and Lucia novels by E.F. Benson and the Parade's End novels by Ford Madox Ford were written.

Bob Bullard '88 and his wife, Sally, retired from Lake Forest Country Day School at the end of 2015 after 77 collective years as teachers and administrators. They moved last summer to Brewster, Massachusetts to begin their new retired life.

Jeanne Engelkemeir '11 traveled to Belgium last summer to study at the University of Mons in Brussels after winning a national competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. **Frank Salemme '12**, also a continual learner, writes us that he is finishing his second bachelor's degree in computer science while trying to learn the Icelandic language. Enchanted with the country after a trip there last year, he hopes to return to Iceland to pursue a master's degree in computer science.

MLS Program News

As the **Latin America: Economy and Culture** seminar taught by David George (Modern Languages) and Carolyn Tuttle (Economics) comes to a close, we are registering students for next year's MLS seminars. Please pass the word about the MLS program to your friends and associates. We find our alumni are our best publicists.

Meetings: East and West, taught by Shiwei Chen (History) and Jim Marquardt (Politics) will be offered in the fall. This course explores the relationship between East Asia and the western powers, especially the United States, through the history of their cultural and intellectual interchanges. In the spring, Dan LeMahieu (History) and Janet McCracken (Philosophy) will teach **Cinema and Society**, analyzing classic and recent films to explore how they shape and comment upon social and political concerns.

The MLS department is in the process of conducting a review of its program. This is a regular process initiated by the College to examine each department and provide feedback. The last time the MLS

department was reviewed was 2008. Over the past few months, data has been collected and analyzed into a self-study report for the College's internal committee. As this phase of the review draws to a close, we want to thank all of our alumni members who helped us by responding to the survey we sent out in January, and especially to ***Mick Jackson '10*** for being our representative on the College's committee for reviewing the materials and making suggestions. As we continue with the second phase of this process next fall, we will be soliciting volunteers to assist us by meeting and exchanging information with the external reviewers assigned to our department.

Once again, we want to extend heart-felt thanks to our donors for their generous contributions to the MLS annual fund. We received around \$3800 this year, which helps us to keep tuition costs low and to draw extra faculty into our team-taught program.

If you did not receive an alumni survey by email last January, it is because we do not have your current email address. Would you share it with us? Just send an email to me at klein@lakeforest.edu, and I'll add it to our mailing list! Also, remember to follow us and share your thoughts with us on Facebook.