



# MLS Newsletter

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How wonderful to feel the temperatures warming after a particularly long and dreary Chicago winter! I am happy to bring back the annual MLS newsletter after last year's absence. The past two years have indeed been busy ones in the MLS department as we have completed a department review, established a partnership with the Jack Miller Center to provide civics courses for high school teachers, and continued the Writing by the Lake program with year-round short-term writing courses for the community. The new civics courses have been met with great success, and bring together a lively group of teachers from all over the Chicagoland area on Saturday mornings. In the Fall, Professor Evan Oxman taught *The American Founding: Principles, Practices, Controversies* at the Newberry Library, and Professor Siobhan Moroney is teaching *Liberty* in the spring on the Lake Forest College campus.

The Writing by the Lake courses offer small groups of community members a four-week writing course in the stately Glen Rowan House. Students in each course meet for four two-hour sessions with an award-winning author, plus each individual participates in a one-on-one conference with the instructor. Poet and novelist Joshua Corey, novelist Susanna Calkins, novelist and short story writer Rebecca Makkai and long-term feature writer and columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* Mike Conklin teach such topics as *Creative Writing*, *Writing Fiction across the Genres*, *Novel and Short Story Writing*, and *Journalism, Feature and Travel Writing*. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.lakeforest.edu/gateway/community/writing-by-the-lake/>.

Do you have a suggestion as to specific courses or course format you would like to see the MLS program offer? Send us your ideas! We welcome your feedback at [klein@lakeforest.edu](mailto:klein@lakeforest.edu).

### New Graduates

Six students will graduate from the MLS program this May: **Patty Abrams, Ed Garza, Jessica Hoover, Barbra Schumann, Thomas Sipp, and Qian Wang**. We hope you can join us for the reception at the Glen Rowan House to congratulate them on their achievements.

**Save the Date!**  
**May 11, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 pm**  
**MLS Hooding Ceremony**  
**and Graduate Reception**

### Alumni News

Congratulations to **Hui Lin '11** and **Yuhan Xu '11** on their engagement! Hui proposed on bended knee with Lake Michigan in the background when the couple returned to the area for a visit this past December. Now Lake Forest will hold more special memories for the couple.

**Ian Brown '09** will be starting his Doctor of Education program at John Hopkins University in the Fall. Currently serving as the Vice-President for Organizational Development at Erickson Living, he hopes to learn more about the issues of diversity and inclusion through this program, using that knowledge to further both his and the company's growth.

**Jordan Flesch '16** received a promotion last summer to Business Analyst in Business Operations and System Integration at Snap-on Credit.

### MLS Program News

This year a new advisory committee was formed for the MLS program to assist with implementing some of the recommendations which came out of the review process last year. Carol Gayle, Associate Director of the MLS program and Dan LeMahieu, Director of the MLS program are joined by Assistant Dean Ann Roberts, who some of you may remember from the *Sex and Gender in Nature and Society* course, and faculty members, Siobhan Moroney (*Ways of Knowing, Liberty*) and Rui Zhu (*The Mind and the Brain*). The committee has met several times over the year to identify learning objectives, rubrics for assessment, information and policies for inclusion in student and faculty handbooks, and marketing strategies for the MLS program. Check out our [webpage](#) for some of these updates.

*MLS 548 Romanticism*, taught by Robert Archambeau (English) and Chad McCracken (Politics and Philosophy) will be offered in the fall. This course examines the evolving relation of self and society through decades of revolutionary change in European history. In the spring, we will examine how the issues of war and peace frame international relations in the modern era through an old favorite, *War and Peace: Conflict and Human Nature (MLS 530)*, taught by Benjamin Goluboff (English) and Lou Lombardi (Philosophy). There may be spaces in each class for alumni who wish to audit. Please contact us if you are interested.