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Professor of mathematics Dr. Ben Rushing has presented at several conferences. They include the following:


“Computer Algebra System Calculators in the Middle School--Good Idea or Bad?” October 2008, Teachers Teaching with

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Honoring Abraham Lincoln

Dr. John Foster, Language and Communications, spoke to a capacity crowd during an event that celebrated the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12. The event included readings of Lincolns' writings and poetry about him and was sponsored by the Department of Language and Communications, the School of Social Sciences and the NSU Writing Project. Lisa Rougeou, Julie Kane and Michelle Pichon organized the event, which is one of many planned to honor the bicentennial of the 16th president of the United States.

Williamson reopening set for March 13

The newly renovated Williamson Hall will be formally reopened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13.

The reopening will coincide with the original dedication of Williamson Hall in 1959 and as part of the university’s 125th anniversary commemoration.

The updated facility houses the Department of Engineering Technology.
Guin advances preservation education on national, international levels

Dr. Elizabth Guin, coordinator of the Master of Arts in Heritage Resources program, has been involved in several national and international preservation education endeavors that contributed to the field of preservation education and the growth of NSU’s academic programs in heritage resources.


“Serving on this committee was such an honor,” Guin said. “Working with preservationists from around the globe to develop a conference that advanced standards for preservation education and practice was an exciting opportunity and very enlightening. I was also heartened to discover that tenets of NSU’s Master of Arts in Heritage Resources were serving as a model for other programs that were shifting to a more multi-disciplinary approach.”

In honor of the National Council for Preservation Education’s (NCPE) 30th anniversary, NCPE launched a new scholarly journal dedicated to historic preservation research and education. Guin was asked to serve on their editorial board.

“I feel privileged to aid in the formulation of a peer-reviewed journal of this caliber,” she said. “The field of historic preservation continues to grow and NCPE continues to ensure that the educational standards of programs producing preservation professionals are high. This journal will not only aid in this endeavor but it is also the vehicle to celebrate the outstanding advancements that we see occurring across the nation that aid us in preserving our historic sites.”

According to Guin, the field of historic preservation is still new.

“In the 1970s, a U.S. federal historic preservation office noted ‘The coordination of educational programs is crucial to the success of historic preservation in every town, city and state across the country,’” Guin said. “It was largely for that reason that a Higher Education Study Group sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation recommended the formation of an association of preservation educators. In response to this call, NCPE was established as a non-profit educational corporation in 1978.”

NCPE develops academic standards and core course work for historic preservation programs and serves as the de-facto accrediting body for these programs. The inaugural issue of the NCPE journal, Preservation Education and Research, premiered in December and has already garnered acclaim.

Guin traveled to Baltimore as part of a national team tasked with evaluating Goucher College’s graduate program in historic preservation.

“It’s been a busy year and I am grateful for any opportunity to advance the field. Not to mention that with each endeavor I discover new ways to improve our program at NSU,” she said.

NSU’s School of Social Sciences offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in heritage resources. For more information, contact Guin or Dr. Julie Ernstein or visit the program website at: www.nsula.edu/HeritageResources.

Service-learning assessment workshop March 13

A faculty development workshop focusing on assessing service-learning outcomes will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, March 13.

Co-presenters will be Dr. Tim Winter, LSU-Shreveport, and Steven C. Gruesbeck, NSU director of Service-Learning.

A location will be announced.
For more information or to RSVP, contact Gruesbeck at 5911 or e-mail sgruesbeck@nsula.edu.
Grace Lemoine, daughter of Dr. Francene Lemoine, assistant professor of biological sciences, and her husband Dean, was selected to be an Ambassador for this year’s March of Dimes March for Babies, which will take place on April 18 on the downtown riverbank.

Grace was born 15 weeks early on Dec. 6, 2002. She weighed 1 pound 1 ounce and measured less than 12 inches in length. Grace spent 129 days in the NICU at UNC Children’s Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C.

“Despite nearly 2-1/2 months on a respirator, multiple bacterial and viral infections, and a surgery, she persevered and defied all odds and became the beautiful, energetic Grace that everyone loves to be near,” her mother said.

Grace is now six years old and enjoys reading, painting, riding her bike, camping and swimming. She is a kindergarten student at NSU Elementary Lab School and loves all of her teachers and friends there.

“In spite of excellent prenatal care, Grace was born much too early,” Dr. Lemoine said. “We want to share her story so that everyone may realize the importance of fighting to save every child’s life. We thank the March of Dimes for their many dedicated years of education and research that provided the knowledge and the tools that helped to save our child. Please join us in the fight to save babies like Grace.”

Volunteers are welcome to help March of Dimes by joining Dr. Lemoine’s team or forming a team, as well as assisting with fund raising, donations of time or money and spreading the word about the causes of March of Dimes.

The Natchitoches walk is two miles starting at the bridge on the corner of Front and Church streets. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk start time is 10 a.m. For more information, call the Louisiana chapter headquarters at (225) 295-0655.

March of Dimes is the leading non-profit organization for pregnancy and baby health. The March of Dimes is dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

Applications available for this summer’s ADVANCE camp

NSU will host the 21st session of the ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars (ADVANCE) June 7-27. ADVANCE is the only residential program for gifted youth in the state of Louisiana that is affiliated with Duke University’s Talent Identification Program (TIP).

Minimum ACT or SAT scores must be met for the various courses, which include the humanities, mathematics, the natural sciences and computer science. Alternate admission status may be met, and admission into the program is on a first come-first serve basis.

ADVANCE is a three-week residential program that offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum for gifted and talented students entering grades 8 through 12. ADVANCE provides a unique learning environment designed to motivate and challenge academically gifted students and set them on a path toward a lifetime of high academic achievement. Students enroll in a single course for three weeks of in-depth study. They attend 104 hours of class during the program and cover an entire year’s worth of high school material or a semester of college level material in that three-week period.

The residential life portion of ADVANCE is vital to the program, offering balanced leisure and cultural activities to complement the intensive academic curriculum. ADVANCE has built up a host of traditions and a strong community of staff and students that keep ADVANCE students returning year after year. The truly motivated student will enjoy a stimulating environment and a community of peers unlike any she or he has ever experienced.

“The ADVANCE Program offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum designed to broaden the horizons of the best students in the state and region,” said Dr. David Wood, director of ADVANCE. “We combine the need to improve academically with the desire to spend summer break in the traditional way---having fun.”

Applications are now being accepted for qualified students. For further information call (318) 357-4500, e-mail palmerh@nsula.edu, or visit our web site, www.advanceprogram.org.
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Technology (T^3) Regional Conference, Waco, Texas.

On Feb. 6 the Cyber Innovation Center held a professional development workshop for teachers of grades 7-12. Dr. Paula Furr and Dr. Darlene Williams presented the opening address for the workshop. Their topic focused on the incorporation of new technologies into effective teaching for positive learning outcomes. They discussed the demographics and characteristics of today’s K-12 students and critical questions for educators. Their presentation provided a liberal arts perspective and findings from seminal researchers and philosophers to promote technology’s power to effect change and our roles to make that change positive.

The Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society at Northwestern has been awarded a travel grant to attend the spring American Chemical Society national meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, according to Dr. Gillian Rudd, associate professor of chemistry and physics, and chapter advisor.

Dr. Paula Furr, Dr. Barbara Duchardt and Catherine McKay presented “How to Put the ‘A’ in Asperger’s: Acceptance, Access and Achievement in K-12” at the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children Super Conference in Lafayette Jan. 26. McKay is the Supervisor of Special Education Elementary for Rapides Parish.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, Professor of Music, recently performed bass trombone with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham. The concert featured crooner/comedian Michael Andrew, who sang standards by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, and Bobby Darin on a special Valentine Pops concert on Feb. 14.

Paul Christopher, assistant professor of low strings (CAPA), will perform two new works for cello at the Southeastern Composers League Forum at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on March 13. This program will also be repeated at the National Composers League Forum in Santa Fe, N.M. on April 4. Christopher performed a recital of Jacques Offenbach’s Duo Concertants for Two Violoncelli, Opus 21 with cellist Ruth Drummond at the Hurley School of Music, Centenary College in Shreveport on Feb. 15. This program will be repeated on March 17 at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City. Christopher and Drummond will be recording these duos for their fourth CD devoted to the cello music of Offenbach. The new CD will also feature the Melodies de “Anna Bolena” de Donizetti for unaccompanied cello. These world premiere recordings will be on the Human Metronome label with a tentative release set for September.

University Archivist Mary Linn Wernet, who is the vice president/president elect of the North Louisiana Historical Association, organized and attended the February association meeting. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Parish Museum that is located in the Kidd-Davis house in Ruston. Margaret Emory, curator of the museum, unveiled the museum’s new oral history presentation that described the museum’s murals and history of the house that dates back to 1855 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Stephanie Masson, instructor of English, has had two short works of non-fiction accepted for publication in online literary journals this spring. “Baby Dreams” will appear in the March issue of Word Catalyst Magazine and “The Toilet Paper War” will appear in the April issue of The Battered Suitcase.

Whitnie S. Perkins, M.Ed. candidate in Early Childhood Education, Dr. Michelle Fazio-Brunson, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Dr. Barbara Duchardt, College of Education, will have an article published in Collaborations, the Louisiana Early Childhood Association journal entitled: Addressing the Budget Crisis and Being Environmentally Responsible: Putting Beautiful Stuff to Work in the Early Childhood Classroom.

Dr. Sonia Tinsley, Dr. Michael Moulton and Victoria Willis, a graduate student, presented research at the 7th Annual National Conference...
The conference is part of a national celebration of Girls and Women in Sport Week. The research group presented “Female College Athletes: What is causing all the stress?” This research examined stress related to academics, athletics, relationships, and personal health habits affecting female college athletes.

Ciara Perry, (graduate 2008), Dr. John Dollar, Dr. Michael Moulton, and Dr. Trey Cunningham from the Sport Administration program research group presented research at the 7th Annual National Conference of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, held in Shreveport on Friday, Feb. 6. The conference is part of a national celebration of Girls and Women in Sport Week.

The research group presented “Female certified athletic trainers: An analysis of barriers to career advancement”. This presentation was originally a part of former graduate student Ciara Perry’s thesis and was refined by the research group.

Dr. Greg Granger, director of the School of Social Sciences and professor of political science, participated in a Feb. 19 Air Mindedness Seminar at Barksdale Air Force Base. Dr. Granger was one of approximately 40 university and think tank scholars and Air Force officers invited to discuss the role of air power in the current strategic context. Lt. Gen. Robert J. Elder Jr., 8th Air Force commander, hosted and chaired the seminar, which included presentations and small-group discussions on lessons about air power learned from wars in Bosnia, Serbia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

David King and Larry Varnado, Aviation Science, attended an FAA Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic in Baton Rouge Feb. 7-8 sponsored by the Air Safety Foundation, AOPA.

During the week of Feb. 19 Aviation Science hosted four Air Force JROTC cadets from Lakeview High School working with Maj. Kellog on a U.S. Air Force approved/funded orientation mission. NSU Aviation meets the governmental requirements for hosting this program. Top cadets from Lakeview’s AFJROTC program were given ground school, flight planning, and hands on orientation flights.

NSU Aviation hosted a facilities field trip for 40 Sabine Parish School students on Feb. 20. The students were given a broad view of the role of aviation in their study of transportation in the US.

Aviation Science will host an open house Wednesday March 11 at 2 p.m. at the NSU Flight Operations Building located at the Natchitoches Regional Airport just adjacent to the main campus.

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**Vet Tech to host Bathe a Dog event**

*The NSU Veterinary Technology Club is having their*

**Spring Semester Bathe a Dog Day**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. ~ Friday, March 6
Room 102 of Bienvenu Hall

Appointments can be made by calling Belinda Coats at 357-6019. Space is limited. Prices are $10 for under 25 pounds, $15 for 26-50 pounds, $20 for 51-75 pounds and $25-30 for over 75 pounds.

Included in the price is a bath, nail trimming, ear cleaning and anal gland expression. Grooming facilities are not available, so please do not bring matted dogs.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Julie Longlois, Carl Perkins Program, received notification of an award of $20,970 from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for “Basic Grant Carryover.”

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $49,518 from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice for “Chiefs of Police Training.”

Dr. Elizabeth Guin, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $5,000 from the U.S. Forest Service, Kisatchie National Forest, for the continuation of “USFS/MAHR Joint Assistantship.”

Dr. Catherine McMillan, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $18,288 from Susan G. Komen Foundation for “Take Action Against Breast Cancer Project.”

Ms. Hedy Pinkerton, Electronic and Continuing Education, received a contract from the Louisiana Division of Administration for $3,717 for “The Catahoula Agency for Post Secondary Education.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Michael Cundall, Jr., Louisiana Scholars’ College, submitted a proposal to the University of Louisiana System for “NSU Tutors Reaching Near and Far.” Drs. T. Davina McClain and Jean D’Amato are collaborators.

Dr. Garrett Dancik, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the National Institute of Health for “Statistical Analysis of Computer Models of Biological Systems.”

Ms. Shirley Cashio, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to the Veterans Administration Nursing Academy for “OBVAMC-NSUCON Enhancing Academic Partnerships Program.” Dr. Norann Planchock is collaborator.

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.

Cane River National Heritage Area Commission announces requirements for competitive grants

Cane River National Heritage Area (CRNHA) Commission released the application and guidelines for its 2009 competitive grants program in February. Now in its 11th cycle, the grants program provides funding to local, regional, state, and out of state entities, as well as individuals, for projects that contribute to the conservation of the Cane River region’s unique historical, cultural, and natural resources.

“Empowering community members to take an active interest in protecting the area’s special landscapes, natural resources, and traditions is a priority for the Commission,” said CRNHA assistant director and grants administrator Katherine Johnson. “Through our competitive grants program, local residents have the opportunity to not only help safeguard the region’s powerful history, but also to encourage economic growth and new development.”

Since its inception in 1999, the competitive grants program has provided more than $1 million in funding to local preservation and heritage development projects. For the 2009 grants cycle, funding is available for the following types of projects:

- Preservation projects – Projects that assist in the preservation, stabilization, and/or restoration of historic properties or other cultural resources that are at least 50-years old and listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Landscape conservation projects – Projects that assist in the conservation of sensitive landscapes, such as those adjacent to nationally significant historic properties within CRNHA.
- Research projects – Projects that assist in the discovery and documentation of history and culture within CRNHA. Areas of interest include archaeology.
NSU Research Day will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 2 on the second floor of Lee Nelson Hall. During the two-hour program, Dr. Roberto Scandone will address the group and faculty and student awards for excellence in research will be presented. Refreshments will be served.

Research Day will incorporate several commemorations, including the 135th anniversary of NSU, the International Year of Astronomy, which recognizes the 400th year of that science, and “green” initiatives.

The change in format is the result of budget cuts to Louisiana’s public institutions and loss of personnel in the NSU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Scandone, an internationally recognized scholar, is a professor of geophysics at the University of Rome. He will incorporate a “green” theme into his presentation.

Presentation proposals will be solicited by ORSP, but will not be presented in person on Research Day. Instead, information about current research activities will be solicited for inclusion in an on-line document. Individuals who submit information about their current research activities for inclusion in this on-line document may also provide electronic links to additional information that is available relative to the research activities.

The Graduate Council’s Liaison Committee will continue to assign either service or scholarly credit to faculty who request designation for their activities.

New formats for research activities requesting service credit are being developed and will be shared with the NSU community as they become available. Faculty members whose proposals are awarded the “scholarly” credit designation will be so noted in the on-line “NSU Research Profiles 2009” document.

To save the costs of printing, the on-line document will not be printed in hard copy this year, as was the “NSU Research Day Program Guide” in prior years. Instead, the on-line “NSU Research Profiles 2009” document referenced previously will be developed to record and publicize the event. Please note that the on-line document may not be complete prior to the research-day event itself on April 2.

All awards will be made as usual this year. Recipients will be honored and recognized during the two-hour session on April 2. Awards will include the Mildred Hart Bailey Faculty Research Award, the Phi Kappa Phi/NRC Undergraduate/Graduate-Student Research Awards and Best student-designed “NSU Research Profiles 2009” Cover-Page Award.

For more information about Research Day or to clarify format changes, call 5222 or e-mail orsp@nsula.edu.

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ethnography, history, linguistics, architectural history, and other related disciplines.

• Development projects
  – Projects associated with creative, culturally sensitive, and educational endeavors that improve the visitor experience and quality of life for local residents.

  Viable projects in each category must show a solid relation to preservation, interpretation, and promotion of the region’s resources with an emphasis on establishing partnerships; produce a one-to-one match of funds from a non-federal source; demonstrate a clear benefit to the public; and have a significant impact on CRNHA.

  All grant applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 13. For more information or to request a copy of the grant application and guidelines, contact Katherine Johnson at kjohnson@caneriverheritage.org or (318) 356-5555.

About Cane River National Heritage Area

Cane River National Heritage Area (CRHNA) begins just south of Natchitoches, extending 35-miles along both sides of Cane River Lake. The core of the area is an 116,000-acre district between Interstate 49 and the Red River, which includes most of the historic sites connected to the history of the region. Home to Cane River Creole National Historical Park, six National Historic Landmarks, three state parks, and many other special places, CRNHA is a place to experience the rich cultures that developed out of Louisiana’s colorful past.
NSU Theatre and Dance will produce George Furth and Stephen Sondheim’s musical, COMPANY. This sophisticated play changed the face of American Musical Theatre history. COMPANY is set in early 1970s New York City and features some of Sondheim’s most well-known songs.

It is Robert’s 35th birthday, and he is observing and pondering all his friends’ vastly different marriages. Come and experience Robert’s life as seen through the eyes of these married friends who don’t understand why he remains single. Let the hijinks begin!

This show will run March 26-29 and April 1-4 in Theatre West. All performances will be at 7:30 p.m. except the March 29 show which will be a Sunday Matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and non-NSU students. NSU students are admitted free with current ID. Call 357-4483 to make reservations. Suggested for audiences 16 and up. Adult themes and content.

Dance company will participate in State of the Nation

2B TRIBE dance theatre has been selected to perform in the fifth annual State of the National Festival. 2B TRIBE is a professional dance/theatre company in residency at NSU. The performance ensemble is directed by Assistant Professor/Director of Dance Barry Stoneking.

State of the Nation is a nationally juried art and performance festival held annually in New Orleans and Jackson, Miss. State of the Nation is dedicated to presenting the work of artists who create visual and performance art that addresses socio-economic, cultural and political issues.

This year’s festival will be held at various venues throughout New Orleans March 18-21.

Stoneking successfully submitted a new work, “Suck On This” to the prestigious arts festival. “Suck On This” takes a comic and sometimes shocking look at American consumer culture, driven by direct to consumer advertising. He and the company of eight dancers comprised of NSU graduates and senior students will present the work on a program with dance companies from Washington, D.C.; New York City, Chicago and San Francisco on March 21.

NSU team will participate in Great American Clean-Up

Service-Learning Director Steve Gruesbeck invites anyone on campus to join the Northwestern group that will participate in the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 25. The city of Natchitoches will participate in the Great American Cleanup in conjunction with Keep Natchitoches Beautiful month in April. The clean-up will coincide with the opening of the Cane River Green Market and Earth Day.

Groups are being formed to clean areas of the city, including parks, neighborhoods, streets, parking lots or any area that groups designate as in need of cleaning. Gloves, bags and beverages will be provided by the city.

Any faculty, staff or students are invited to join the NSU group at 10 a.m. on Normal Hill adjacent to Russell Hall on April 25. NSU volunteers will work their way down Second Street toward the riverbank, arriving by noon in time to participate in the city’s Earth Day celebration and Cane River Green Market opening.

To join the NSU team, contact Gruesbeck at 5911 or e-mail sgruesbeck@nsula.edu. To form your own team for the clean-up, contact Courtney Horsnby, Natchitoches Director of Programs and Promotions, at 357-3822. Forms available for all volunteers.
Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course  
Date: Mar. 2-June 30  
(Class meets 2 nights a week. Days may vary due to instructor's work schedule)  
Time: 6-10 p.m.  
Fee: $550 plus books (approx. $100)  
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B  
Instructor: James Harvey

Grant Writing Clinic: Writing a Proposal that Gets Funded  
Series 1 & II  
Date: Mar. 3 - 7, Tues - Fri  
Time: Tues - Fri - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Fee: $220 + $40 book & material fee/purchase book prior to class.  
Location: The Learning Center for Rapides Parish  
Instructor: Emma Jean Bush

Let's Dance Ballroom  
Date: Mar. 3 - 31, Tues  
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Fee: $65  
Location: Prather Coliseum, East Concourse  
Instructor: Sandy Tamplin

LA Retail Florist Exam Prep Course  
Date: Mar. 7 & 14, Sat (classroom)  
Mar. 9 - 20, Mon - Fri (worktable)  
Time: Sat - 5 - 8:30 p.m. (classroom)  
Mon - Fri - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (worktable)  
Fee: $1638 (includes textbook & materials)  
$889 mat. fee pd. directly to instructor prior to start of class  
Location: Classroom instruction-Russell Hall, Rm. 203 (Natchitoches Rm. Kitchen)  
Worktable instruction-The Master's Bouquet, 108 South Dr., Natchitoches  
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)  
Over 20 year's floral experience

ACT Prep  
Date: Mar. 7 - 28, Sat.  
(Test date: April 4)  
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Fee: $179  
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 115  
Instructor: TBA

Grant Writing Clinic: Writing a Proposal that Gets Funded-Series II  
Date: Mar. 26, 27 & 28, Thurs., Fri., & Sat.  
Time: Thurs & Fri-5:30-7:30 p.m./Sat-9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Fee: $120 + $40 book & material fee/purchase book prior to class.  
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 213  
Instructor: Emma Jean Bush

MS Word  
Date: Mar. 12, 16, & 17, Thurs, Mon, & Tues  
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: $99  
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113  
Instructor: Dara Stanfil

Publishing with Pizzazz!  
Date: Mar. 21, Sat  
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Fee: $45  
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113  
Instructor: Gena Hatcher

MS PowerPoint  
Date: Mar. 21, Sat  
Time: 12-1 p.m.  
Fee: $45  
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113  
Instructor: Gena Hatcher

Basic Floral Design II  
Date: Mar. 21, 28, & Apr. 4, Sat  
Time: 1-4 p.m.  
Fee: $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee  
Location: The Master's Bouquet 108 South Dr.  
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)  
Over 20 year's floral experience

Grant Writing Clinic: Writing a Proposal that Gets Funded-Series I will use same book  
Date: Mar. 12, 13, & 14, Thurs., Fri., & Sat.  
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 213  
Instructor: Emma Jean Bush

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Former Phillip Morris researcher Dr. Victor DeNoble spoke to an audience of nearly 150 during a presentation entitled “What the Tobacco Companies Don’t Want You to Know” on Feb. 2. The presentation was sponsored by Fresh Campus, a student organization whose goal is to improve student health through tobacco policy, awareness and cessation, through a grant from Tobacco Free Living. From left are Fresh Campus member Carmel Bourg, Tobacco Free Living Regional Coordinator Feamula Bradley, Tobacco Control Partnership (TCP) Regional Coordinator Judy Daniels, Fresh Campus member and TFL grant assistant Sadie Wintersteen, Dr. DeNoble and Dr. Tara Gallien, assistant professor of Health and Human Performance and Fresh Campus coordinator.

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Fresh Campus group hosts tobacco researcher

Visiting physicist will speak on Vortex & Anti-Vortex States in Nature

Dr. Miroslav Milosevic from the Department of Physics, Antwerpen University, Belgium, will give a public talk on the topic “Vortex and Anti-Vortex States in Nature”. The talk is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, March 27 in Fournet Hall Room 107. The talk will be hosted by Dr. Andrei Ludu, Department of Chemistry and Physics, and will run about 45 minutes long.

The talk will focus on subjects of high interest in modern science related to the future of ultra-fast computers, new types of memories, superconductivity, quark-antiquark systems and quantum-dots.

Dr. Milosevic was one of the hosts of Dr. Ludu’s sabbatical year in 2008. He will give an additional series of talks at the American Physical Society Annual Meeting in Pittsburg, at the University of Georgia IMACS conference, and at UCLA. He will be at NSU March 27 –April 2 for joint scientific research.

All NSU students, faculty and all interested persons are invited to participate in a 15-minute question and answer session following the presentation.

Faculty are encouraged to attend and to make this announcement public to their students.
Assistant Professor Karen Ainsworth Landry, College of Nursing, has completed her Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Nursing Science on Dec. 13, 2008, from Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas.

Dr. Landry has been employed at Northwestern since 1995. She earned a bachelor’s degree in 1983 and a master’s degree in 1994 from NSU.

Dr. Landry’s dissertation study was “Health Status and Health-Related Quality of Life in Congestive Heart Failure.” She has submitted a proposal to present her findings at the 40th Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Oct. 31-Nov. 4) in Indianapolis, Ind. Currently, she serves as vice president and delegate for the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Chi.

Her future research will involve further studies in the area of congestive heart failure and quality of life among different populations.

New courses for General Education announced

Three new courses will be offered this fall, according to Dr. William Housel, associate professor of sociology.

“For the past year we have been working on a pilot study for a new concept for the General Education program here at Northwestern,” Housel said. “Our research and labors began to bear fruit when the Curriculum Review Committee approved the courses for the pilot beginning this fall.”

The courses and their descriptions are as follows:

CORS1010 - The Disappearing Delta. This course integrates biology, literature, sociology, and writing to demonstrate the values of interdisciplinary thinking to the general education curriculum, leading students to recognize the various ways that science, English, and the social sciences can work together to help flesh out a greater understanding of specific kinds of information. (Course will be substituted as credit for SCI1020)

CORL1010 - Technology and the World. This course is an historical treatment of technology and its importance to human development in America and Great Britain. Of particular significance is the history of technological progress and its social consequences, literature reflecting attitudes and ideas about technology, and the use of technology in handling, storing, and retrieving information. (Course will be substituted as credit for ENGL1010)

CORM1010 - Life by the Numbers. The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the history and use of statistical and economic data, using and interpreting data, modeling and decision making, and the historical and social meaning of numerical expression. (Course will be substituted as credit for MATH1060)

The CORS designator is for Core Science, CORL for Core Language/Arts, CORM for Core Mathematics. In the future we may also use CORB for Core Behavioral/Social Science.

These courses were intentionally designed to improve our core offerings in several ways:

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DeFord artwork on exhibit in Alexandria

An exhibit of artwork entitled “Connections” by Matt DeFord opened Feb 27 at the LSU-A university gallery. A reception was held on Feb. 27. The show will be on exhibit till the end of March. Contact Roy Deville at LSU-A for more information.

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1. Offer more integration in the core classes so students better understand how different subjects interact in their applications outside academia.
2. Offer classes with better context for the students.
3. Improve retention
4. Improve Northwestern’s marketing stance
5. Improve the quality of general education as the basis of the entire educational experience.

For the pilot study we will be restricting registration to incoming Freshman, so we can get a good comparative group to test the strength of these courses. We will be sending a letter to Department Heads and the Freshman Connection folks to set it up in advance so the process will be as smooth as possible.

“We are all very excited about these classes and anticipate having a really great experience this fall,” Housel said.

Any questions about the courses or the pilot study should be directed to Dr. Housel, houselw@nsula.edu, 357 – 4345). The members of the CORE team are:

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