Environmental studies course offerings at DePauw will be enhanced as a result of a three-year, $595,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The award will create new opportunities at DePauw for interdisciplinary education relating to all aspects of the environment. Coordinators of environmental education will be James H. Benedix, professor of biology, and Michele T. Villinski, associate professor of economics and management.

The DePauw experience provides more academic engagement

The student experience at DePauw provides far more academic engagement—both in and out of the classroom—than what is provided to undergraduates at peer institutions and the national average at all colleges and universities, according to a national survey. The 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), titled "Assessment for Improvement: Tracking Student Engagement Over Time," again puts DePauw freshmen and seniors in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities for the level of academic challenge they experience. It also ranks DePauw seniors in the top 10 percent of institutions nationwide for enjoying enriching educational experiences.

Visitors coming to campus

Michael T. Adams '00, president of Trebutsch Financial Group, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Feb. 23.

Mark A. Baker, senior vice president and global relations officer for Steelcase, Inc., will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 1.

Meggie Hues Dial, partner relationship manager for ExactTarget, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on March 4.

Jeffrey L. Harmening '89, president of Big G Cereals Division, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 8.

Aleksandar Hemon, award-winning Bosnian-American author of The Lazarus Project and recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Grant, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Feb. 24.

Claudia Mills, professor of philosophy at the University of Colorado; Ronald Sundstrom, professor of philosophy and co-director of African American Studies at the University of San Francisco; and David Sloan Wilson, professor of biological sciences and anthropology at Binghamton University, will be the speakers/workshop leaders for the third annual Undergraduate Ethics Symposium scheduled April 8-10, at The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics.

Nick Reding, author of Methland: The Death and Life of an American Small Town, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on March 10.

Arja Rinoecho, Tibetan Buddhist leader, will speak on April 28.

Ali Sales Roach '03, president and co-founder of Compendium Blogware, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Feb. 16.

Bradley K. Stevens '99, men's basketball coach at Butler University, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 13.

Joan Tower, first woman to receive the Grawemeyer Award in Composition and hailed as one of the most successful composers of all time, will be composer-in-residence during Music of the 21st Century hosted by the DePauw School of Music in Feb. 17-21.

Thomas N. Tunnicliff '80 and Scott K. Shelbourne '03, executive vice president and vice president, respectively, of Grubb & Ellis Company, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on March 11.

**Kiplinger's ranks DePauw among top 50 liberal arts colleges**

DePauw is again ranked among the nation's top 50 liberal arts colleges "that combine outstanding economic value with exceptional education," according to the December 2009 issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance. The magazine ranks colleges according to academic quality and affordability— with quality accounting for two-thirds of the total.

Recent visitors to campus

Peter T. Allen ’67, president of Peter Allen & Associates, gave a McDermond Center Lecture on Oct. 29.

The Hampton and Esther Boswell Symposium on School Reform and Social Justice featured Thomas Bloch, former CEO of H&R Block who is now a seventh-grade teacher of biological sciences and anthropology at Binghamton University, will be the speakers/workshop leaders for the third annual Undergraduate Ethics Symposium scheduled April 8-10, at The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics.

Angie Bicks '95, founder and chief marketing officer of Angie's List, gave the Robert C. McDermond Honorary Lecture on Oct. 27.

David Johnson, a specialist on Asian law and author of The Next Frontier: National Development, Political Change and the Death Penalty in Asia, was the Conflict Studies speaker on Sept. 24.

Bakari Kitwana, senior media fellow at think tank The Jamestown Project and author of the forthcoming book Hip-Hop Activism in the Obama Era, gave two lectures on Sept. 15.

Thomas M. Kominsky '03 and Lindsay L. Schultz '02, associates with BMO Capital Markets, gave a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 24.


James A. Layton '55, CEO of Laymac, Inc., gave a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 29.

Jill Lepore, Harvard University professor of history and staff writer for The New Yorker, gave the Horizon Lecture on Sept. 17.

Recent visitors to campus (continued)


Honor Moore, poet, playwright, theater critic and biographer, gave a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Sept. 30.

David A. Morris ’83, senior vice president and managing director of Grubbl & Ellis/Gundaker Commercial, gave a McDermont Center Lecture on Nov. 10.


Scott Raab, nonfiction writer for magazine and author, gave a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Nov. 16.


Todd R. Steele ’90, senior vice president of consumer markets for dunnhumbyUSA, gave a McDermont Center Lecture on Oct. 15.

Matthew Storick, biomedical ethicist and author, spoke on Sept. 9.

Sheyann Webb-Christburg, civil rights activist, co-author of Selma Lord Selma (which became a Disney movie), was the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Jan. 18.

DePauw among best at providing students with global experience

DePauw is once again recognized as one of the top colleges in the nation for the percentage of its students who study abroad, according to the 2009 Open Doors report published by the Institute of International Education with funding from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Student news highlights

Thirteen DePauw students – 12 of them members of the DePauw Environmental Policy Project (DEPP) – joined world leaders, scientists and others in attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen from Dec. 7-18.

Junior Anthony M. Barata, senior Taylor M. Cantrell, freshman Khun Khin Khin M. Haing, junior Andrew P. Maddocks and senior Jay Welik balance roles as policy analyst, activists, bloggers, reporters and logistics coordinators for DEPP at the summit.

During Winter Term in January, 281 DePauw students expanded their educational horizons and gained practical experience by serving internships at businesses and organizations around the nation and world. Twenty-seven students participated in a Winter Term in Service project in Las Marias, El Salvador, to help install and configure an Internet facility that will teach computer literacy skills to local residents. Seventeen Winter Term in Service students worked with homeless and at-risk youth in San Diego.

Media Fellows receive firsthand experience at top media companies and other organizations around the world, usually as juniors. During the spring semester, Media Fellows and their internship sites include Lynn M. Demos, Office of U.S. Congressman Brad Ellsworth, Washington, D.C.; Christine E. DiGangi, United Nations World Food Programme, Rome, Italy; David R. Dietz, East Wing of The White House, Washington, D.C.; Sarah E. Eutler, The Cromwell Group, Nashville, Tenn.; Leslie G. Gaber, Duke University Sports Information Office, Durham, N.C.; Stacie J. Grissom, CBS Sunday Morning, New York City; Tyler G. James, Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch; Andrew P. Maddocks, Circle of Blue, Traverse City, Mich.; Mara K. Mote, Entertainment Tonight/The Insider, Los Angeles; Ashley N. Oliver, London Program; Emily M. Riggs, South Bend Silver Hawks; Justin D. Schlabach, The Best American Mystery Stories 2009; Breana A. Spradling, BioChem Resources, Jacksonville, Fla.

Recent visitors to campus

Now more than ever, alumni gifts to the Annual Fund are needed to help provide scholarships so that deserving students have the opportunity to experience a DePauw education. Tuition paid by students covers less than 50 percent of the cost of a DePauw education. Your gifts to the Annual Fund help close the gap.

You can make a gift online at www.depauw.edu/give, or you can call the Annual Fund staff at 800-446-5298.

Sports Shorts

The women’s golf team is ranked sixth in the most recent Golf World/National Golf Coaches Association Division III Poll.

The men’s swimming and diving team is ranked seventh in NCAA Division III. The women’s team is ranked 25th.

The women’s tennis team is ranked 11th in the most recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, and the men’s team is 12th.

Men’s basketball coach Bill Fenlon collected his 400th career victory in his 25th season with an 86-64 win at Rhodes College on Dec. 4. He also picked up his 300th win in 18 seasons at DePauw with a 67-65 win at Millsaps on Jan. 17.

Senior Lauren Reichardt earned her second consecutive all-America honor by finishing fourth at the NCAA Division III Women’s Cross Country Championship.

Senior Jerry “Spud” Dick was one of four finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, the most prestigious individual honor in NCAA Division III football.

Kori Stoffregen was named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference’s Women’s Cross Country Coach of the Year for the seventh consecutive year.

India’s popular all-women DePauw student group, Sutherland, received a $2,500 prize for her first-place essay titled “Traditional drumming – a bond for father and son.”

DePauw’s student radio station, WGRE, received a 2009 Indiana Broadcaster’s Association Spectrum Award. The station was a first-place winner for Best Sportscast for its coverage of the Jan. 18-19, 2009, women’s college basketball game between DePauw and Colorado College, which featured play-by-play by senior John R. Herrick and color commentary by sophomore Lucy L. First. The Spectrum Award recognizes outstanding achievement in broadcasting by Indiana radio and television stations.

Students in the Management Fellows Program gain hands-on experience in semester-long internships, usually during their junior year, at businesses and organizations around the country and world. During the spring semester, Management Fellows and their internship sites include Arielle N. Bahnaieh, Independent Purchasing Cooperative, Miami; Mark P. Brangan, Partners in Housing, Indianapolis; Breana A. Buecher, Angélique List, Indianapolis; Chip R. Davis, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis; Julia E. Drummond, BrandEra, Fort Worth, Texas; Patrick C. Geoghegan, American Education Group, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lucy M. Grimm, Independent Purchasing Cooperative, Miami; Julia M. Mathews, Brunswick Group LLC, Washington, D.C.; Colby E. Mueller, Tadewa, China; Josh W. Schlake, Office of U.S. Congressman Steve Buyer, Washington, D.C.; Jordan S. Stefanov, Brunswick Group LLC, New York City; W. Foster Tidwell, Brunswick Group LLC, New York City; W. Trenton Wood, Red Dirt Baseball/Parker, Tulsa, Okla.; and Meghan R. Wolfgang, BioChem Resources, Jacksonville, Fla.

Three staff members of the student newspaper, The DePauw, received awards in the Hoosier State Press Association Better Newspaper Contest (Indiana Collegiate Press Association).

Senior Andrew P. Maddocks and both took second place honors in the newswriting category. Seniors Margaret A. Sutherland and Alex R. Turco both took second place honors – Sutherland for features writing and Turco for photography.

DePauw was one of four finalists for the 2009 Common Cause Higher Education Award. The national recognition was given by Common Cause and the National Conference of State Legislatures to DePauw in recognition for the school’s efforts in the area of government affairs.

Faculty news highlights

Christopher S. Bondy, assistant professor of sociology, is recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission to support a project titled “Beyond the Buraku: The Negotiation of Burakumin Identity in Contemporary Japan.”

Kevin Howley, associate professor of communication and theatre, was a presenter at a conference on Media, Communication and the Spectacle held in The Netherlands, Nov. 26-27.


Photographic prints by Cynthia O’Dell, associate professor of art, are featured in A Tinta, a Mariposa e a Metástase: a arte como experiência, conhecimento e ação sobre o cancro de mama (The Paint, the Mariposa and the Metastasis: art as experience, knowledge and intervention on breast cancer), published in Portuguese by Edições Afrontamento.

Wanted Man,” a story written by Nicholas A. Pizzitello, assistant professor of English, is featured in The Best American Mystery Stories 2009 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), the premier annual showcase for the country’s finest fiction and nonfiction.