DePauw continues to produce Fulbright recipients

Three graduating seniors received international graduate study and research grants through the 2009-10 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition. Ross A. Robinson will spend the next academic year teaching English to young people in Germany; Todd J. Schmid will spend a year conducting research in Paraguay; and Lauren A. Wendling will travel to South Korea through an English Teaching Assistantship.

In addition, Rebecca L. Upton, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and coordinator of the Conflict Studies Program, was selected to receive a 2009-10 U.S. Fulbright Scholar award to conduct research in Botswana and help establish a HIV/AIDS Centre at the University of Botswana. A 2007 graduate, Anne M. Schaufele, is recipient of a Fulbright award to support a research project in El Salvador, and Amanda J. Gebert ’08 will travel to France through an English Teaching Assistantship as part of the Fulbright application process.

During the last six years, 25 DePauw students, faculty members and alumni have been selected to receive prestigious Fulbright awards.

First all-women technology team is first runner-up in Imagine Cup

A DePauw student team was the first all-women team to reach the U.S. final round of the Imagine Cup, Microsoft Corp.’s annual global student technology competition. Senior Erin M. Donahoe, junior Ashley M. Myers and former student Malisa Vongskul received the first runner-up prize for their project: an application they call a Computer-Assisted Medication Regimen Adherence (CAMRA) that provides a medication regimen directly to a patient’s personal mobile device. They won their choice of $4,000 cash or $8,000 toward a National Collegiate Inventor and Innovato- r’s Alliance e-team grant to support further development of their project. The theme of the seventh annual competition was solving world issues and problems outlined in the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals.

Student news highlights

Carl E. Frank, a senior vocal performance major, was awarded third place at the national level of the Music Teachers National Association’s Young Artist Competition held in Atlanta. Frank is a student of Brian L. Horne, adjunct professor of music, and Caroline B. Smith, professor of music. He was accompanied by Amanda A. Hopson, coordinator of keyboard board and part-time associate professor of music.

Student journalists at WGRE radio won three awards from the Indiana Associated Press Broadcasters in competition with commercial radio stations. In the category for Best Public Affairs Program – Local Radio, first place was won by junior Tiffany L. Camhi, senior Samantha N. Cappadona, junior Alyssa A. Jewell, sophomore Stephen L. Kendrick and senior Laura A. Wiscomb for a report about revitalizing downtown Greencastle. In the Best Feature – Local Radio category, second place went to junior Katherine M. Car- rico, junior John R. Herrick, sophomore Kelly M. Knox and senior Anna S. Whitelaw for a report about the future of the Walden Inn. For Best Sports Play-by-Play – Local Radio, junior John R. Herrick and senior Justin D. Weiner received honorable mention for coverage of the Monon Bell football game.

Fifty-four DePauw student musicians – the most ever – competed in the 2009 DePauw School of Music Concerto Competition for a chance to perform in concert with the full DePauw University Orchestra, under the direction of Owen Smith. This year eight winners — selected by outside judges — included sophomore Sarah R. Chamberlain and freshman Yuting Liu, florists; junior Jeremy J. Eberhard, freshman Esther Y. Shim and sophomore Allison H. Taylor, violinists; senior Ann Marie Hostetter, pianist; senior Steven G. Majiala, oboist; and senior Carl E. Frank, bartonist.

At the 2009 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships, sophomore Rita M. Kofota finished fifth in the criterium and second in road race. The next academic year teaching English to young people in Germany, Todd J. Schmid will spend a year conducting research in Paraguay and Lauren A. Wendling will travel to South Korea through an English Teaching Assistantship as part of the Fulbright application process.

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Emily Abt, activist documentary filmmaker, screened and discussed her award-winning film, All of Us, on Nov. 10.

Samuel Adler, renowned American composer, was in residence and gave a School of Music convocation as part of the annual Music of the 21st Century series Feb. 25-March 1.

Jane Anderson, member of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Institute for Law and Society at New York University; Catherine Bell, University of Alberta law faculty member; and Stephen Loring, Arctic Studies Center, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, were among the participants in the Symposium on Ethics and Community-Based Fieldwork held April 21.

Alison Bechdel, graphic novelist, winner of the 2007 Will Eisner Comic Industry Award and a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award, spoke Sept. 24.

David B. Becker ’75, CEO and chairman of First Internet Bank of Indiana, gave the Robert C. McDermont Honorary Lecture on Oct. 30.

Gael Le Calvez, Mexican poet, gave a reading as part of ArtsFest 2008: Arts & Borders on Nov. 4.

Deborah Cameron, Oxford University professor and author of The Myth of Mars and Venus: Do Men and Women Really Speak Different Languages?, was scholar-in-residence at DePauw Women’s Center from March 16-20.

McDermont Center Lectures included Robert B. Brown, vice president and chief marketing and operations officer for Lilly USA, on April 28; John M. Cassidy ’91, director of government affairs for Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., on Oct. 16; Dr. Thomas P. Cooper ’66, partner with Aperture Venture Partners and adjunct professor at Columbia Business School, on Nov. 4; Jacob J. Cox ’03, Retail Policy & Themes Division of The Financial Services Authority, London, on Nov. 6; Rick Fairless, owner of Strokers Dallas, Strokers IceHouse and Strokers Ink, on Feb. 5; Mark A. Filipelli ’75, managing director of Western Reserve Partners, LLC, on Feb. 26; Amber F. LaRae ’00, treasury manager for Welpoint, Inc., on Jan. 27; Sarah Smith Moore ’91, deputy executive director of the Indiana chapter of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, on Sept. 9; Richard Mourdock, Indiana state treasurer, on Oct. 7; Dale S. Porfilio ’91, vice president and chief actuary for Kemper, A Unitrin Business, on Nov. 11; Jennifer E. Vance ’00, founder, vice president and general manager of LeadJen, on Sept. 30.

The James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series featured readings by Rich Cohen, acclaimed nonfiction author and contributing editor to Vanity Fair and Rolling Stone magazines, on Sept. 17; Charles D’Ambrosio, fiction writer, on Feb. 19; Dagoberto Gilb, fiction writer and winner of the 1993 Hemingway/PEN Award, on Nov. 6; Kimiko Hahn, poet, on March 4; Michael Martone, fiction writer, on Oct. 1; Ander Monson, recipient of the 2008 Great Lakes Colleges Association award in creative writing, on April 15; Lynne Thompson, poet and winner of the 2008 Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award in poetry, on Oct. 14.

DePauw Discourse 2008: America’s Role in the World was held Sept. 18-20 on campus. The fifth annual DePauw Discourse continued on back
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featured distinguished speakers, including Madeline K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State; Beet Baird ’92, FOX News chief White House correspondent; Pamela L. Carter, president of Cumnimm Distribution Business; Catherine Collins, nonfiction author and former reporter covering Turkey for the Chicago Tribune; Sally Snerz Cowal ’66, vice president of Population Services International; Newton F. Crenshaw ’85, vice president of policy, pricing, reimbursement and access; and international corporate alumni for Eli Lilly and Co.; Nisreen El-Shamayleh ’04, correspondent for Saudi channel KSA2 in Amman, Jordan; Douglas Franz ’77, Conduit Net Portfolio senior writer; Lee H. Hamilton ’52, former congressmen, Iran Study Group co-chair and National War Powers Commission member; Kathyrn Fortune Hubbard ’74, founder of Bridges of Understanding; Saad Eddin Ibrahim, director of Cairo-based Ibn Khaldun Centre for Development Studies; Stephen W. Sanger ’68, former chairman of General Mills; James B. Stewart Jr. ’73, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and SmartMoney editor-at-large; John E. Tedstrom III ’84, executive director of Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS; and Don W. Wyciff, former New York Times reporter, Chicago Tribune public editor and Loyola University journalist-in-residence.


Gareth Evans, former Australian foreign minister, was the keynote speaker on March 5 for the Humanitarian Intervention Symposium held at DePauw’s Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics. Other participants included Karen Koning AbuZayd ’63, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East; Catherine Dumait-Harper, board member for Global Policy Forum and former U.N. representative of Doctors Without Borders; Jerry Fowler, executive director of Save Darfur Foundation; Anne Orford, professor and director of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities at Melbourne University, Australia; and Amos Sawyer, former president of the interim government of Liberia.

Paul Gipe, prolific author about renewable energy and recipient of the 2008 World Wind Energy Award, spoke on Sept. 10.

Dr. Tom Inui, director of the Regenstein Institute, was the DePauw Global Health Initiative speaker on April 22.

Kenny Iby, Peyniter Institute’s visual journalism group leader and director of diversity, spoke on Feb. 26.

Suzanne McCarroll, a reporter at KCNC-TV in Denver, worked with DePauw student journalists as the Visiting McWethy Mentor from April 15-17. She spoke on April 16.

Jim Morris, former executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme, spoke on Feb. 11.


Judy O’Bannon, former Indiana first lady, was the keynote speaker at the University’s third annual Hunger Banquet on Nov. 20.

David Poole, presidential campaign manager for Barack Obama, gave the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on Feb. 2 – just 13 days following the inauguration of President Obama.

David Simon, creator of HBO’s The Wire, delivered the keynote address for DePauw’s Undergraduate Communicating Humanities Conference. He is the author of two books, The Wire and Radio Boulevard.

Phyllis Tickle, one of the most respected authorities and popular speakers on religion in America today and author of The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why, spoke on Feb. 13.

Miguel A. de la Torre, associate professor of social ethics and director of the Justice and Peace Institute at Iliff School of Theology, gave a Mendenhall Lecture on Nov. 5.

Cornel West, author, Princeton University professor and civil rights activist, was the keynote speaker for the Boswell Symposium on Ethics and Global Education held Sept. 14-15.

William A. Wulf, computer scientist and former president of the National Academy of Engineering, was the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Sept. 11-12.


Gregory L. Schwipp, associate professor of English, is author of a new novel, What This River Keeps, published by Ghost Road Press.

Erik J. Widenberg, associate professor of philosophy, is coeditor of a new book, New Wares in Philosophy Religion, published by Palgrave Macmillan.

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