DePauw continues to be a top producer of Fulbright students

For the fourth consecutive year, DePauw is among the Top 10 U.S. Producers of Fulbright Students, according to the Oct. 23, 2009, edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education. The Chronicle notes that four 2009 DePauw graduates received Fulbright Awards to study and live abroad for a year, and that 29 DePauw students applied for the prestigious grants.

The four May graduates of DePauw who received Fulbright Awards are: Jessica V. Strong, who is conducting research in Germany on “The Effects of Music on Individuals with Dementia and Depression;” Ross A. Robinson, who is in Germany teaching English to young people; Lauren A. Wendling, who is in South Korea through an English Teaching Assistantship; and Todd J. Schmid, who is spending a year conducting research in Paraguay.

The Fulbright Program also makes awards to faculty members and alumni. Rebecca L. Upton, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and director of conflict studies, is currently conducting research at the HIV/AIDS Centre at the University of Botswana in Gaborone, Botswana. Alumni recipients of 2009-10 Fulbright awards include Leighanne R. Dahl ’04, who is spending this academic year studying in the Netherlands, and Anne M. Schauffele ’07, who is conducting research in El Salvador.

WGRe in the running for best of the best in college radio

DePauw’s student-managed radio station, WGRe, is one of 25 college outlets nationally in the running for a Woodie Award from MTV’s 24-hour college network, mtvU. The station is a finalist in the Best College Radio Station category.

Visitors coming to campus

The Hampton and Esther Boswell Symposium on School Reform and Social Justice will feature Thomas Bloch, former CEO of H&R Block who is now a seventh-grade teacher and board president of a charter school in Kansas City, Mo.; Howard Fuller, director of Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, co-founder of the Black Alliance for Educational Options and former superintendent of schools in Milwaukee, Wis.; Bob Herbert, reporter for The New York Times; and Marcus C. Robinson ’94, founder, principal and CEO of Charles A. Tindley Accelerated Charter School in Indianapolis, on Nov. 4-5.

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Jonathan C. Dill ’87, chief financial officer and partner with Ampac Packaging, gave a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 17.

Dr. David Fraser, co-discoverer of Legionnaire’s disease and a pioneer in the teaching of public and global health to undergraduates, gave the DePauw Global Health Initiative Lecture on Sept. 22.

Angie R. Hicks ’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. Schulz ’02, associates with BMO Capital Markets, gave a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 24.


Patti Lather, professor in the College of Education & Human Ecology at The Ohio State University and author of three books on women’s issues, spoke on Oct. 29.

James A. Layton ’55, CEO of Lyrac, 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.


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


Wally Snyder, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Missouri’s Reynolds Journalism Institute and the Missouri School of Journalism, spoke on Sept. 23.

Student news highlights

Melissa D. Orr, Fifth-Year Sustainability Intern, received the Student Leadership Award from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) at the Greening of the Campus conference held Sept. 20-23 in Indianapolis.

Danielle R. Rush, a senior music education major, was awarded the prestigious Gary Meek Memorial Scholarship by the Indiana Music Educators Association and the Society for General Music on Sept. 26. Rush will be student teaching during the spring semester, and she plans to continue teaching elementary music after graduation in May.

DePauw’s sustainability efforts are supported by the work of five student interns who help shape the University and its students into environmental leaders. They include: sophomore Chloe A. Lawson and junior Ashley L. Shopski, Sustainability Interns; sophomore Alex S. Lopatka, Facilities Sustainability Intern; senior Graham D. Williams, Information Technology Associates Program (ITAP) Intern; and Melissa D. Orr, Fifth-Year Sustainability Intern.

The Bartlett Center receives top architect’s award

The Bartlett Reflection Center, located in the DePauw Nature Park, is recipient of the highest recognition, an Honor Award, from the Indiana chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Indiana). Designed by CSO Architects and dedicated on April 24, 2009, the Bartlett Reflection Center was conceived as a quiet, contemplative place where students, alumni, faculty and staff members can reflect.

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.

Prestigious national grants support faculty work

Gloria C. Townsend, professor of computer science and coordinator of the Women in Science program, received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of $488,000 in conjunction with colleagues at the University of Virginia and the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology. Their Web of Women project will develop a network of women in computing, including regional conferences to enhance the participation of women and girls in the sciences.

David T. Harvey, vice president for academic affairs and Percy L. Julian Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is principal investigator on an NSF grant project titled “Biomedical Engineering: A New Biotechnology for Developing a Bioanalytical Process for the Analytical Sciences into the Analytical Sciences Digital Library.” This project will enhance the Analytical Sciences Digital Library — one of several digital libraries in the National Science Digital Library — in order to, among other things, assist faculty in the development of their pedagogy in the sciences.

Janet L. Townsend, associate professor of biology, is recipient of a $200,000 research grant from the National Institutes of Health. She is using the funds to study “continual addition of post-translational segments, regeneration and hydrogen expression.”

Three faculty members receive Exemplary Teaching Award

For the first time in DePauw’s history, three faculty members received the Exemplary Teaching Award this year. The recipients are Jennifer L. Adams, assistant professor of communication and theater; Dana A. Dudic, associate professor and chair of biology; and Gregory L. Schwipp, assistant professor of English. Given jointly by DePauw and the General Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church, the award recognizes faculty members who exemplify excellence in teaching, civility and concern for students and colleagues, commitment to value-centered education, and service to students, institution and community. The recognition is supported by the George and Virginia Crane Distinguished Teaching Award Fund.

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Kevin Howley, associate professor of communication, edited a new textbook, “Understanding Community Media,” published by Sage Publications. He also wrote an essay, “Teaching ‘With’ Alternative Media,” that was published in the Turkey-based, bilingual (Turkish and English), peer-reviewed journal Kurge: Online International Journal of Communication Studies.


Jeffrey M. McCall ’76, John D. Hughes Professor of Communication and Theater, was featured by top-20 syndicated columnist Fran Fararo in a column she wrote about the use of children in reality TV shows. The column was printed in newspapers across the country. An often-quoted media activist, McCall also wrote several op-ed articles on media issues that were printed in newspapers nationwide.

Brett R. O’Bannon, associate professor of political science, was invited to speak at a ministerial conference in Lomé, Togo, Sept. 15-16. The regional conference was organized by the United Nations in collaboration with the Economic Commission of West African States and the government of Togo in preparation for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December.

Sports Shorts

The women’s cross country team has been ranked as high as 21st in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division III rankings this season.

DePauw was host of the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Region Division III Women’s Tennis Championships held Oct. 2-5.

James Munro, a former National Football League running back and member of the Indianapolis Colts 2006 Super Bowl championship team, was named a part-time assistant on the DePauw football staff. Munro coaches the Tigers’ running backs.

The football team has been ranked as high as number 20 in this nation’s top 25 this season.

For the fourth consecutive year, HDNet will present a national telecast of the battle for the Monon Bell, and once again alumni will gather for telecast parties across the nation. The 2009 game between the Tigers and Wabash Little Giants is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. at Blackstock Stadium. Heading into the 116th Monon Bell Classic, the historic rivalry is tied at 53-53-9 following DePauw’s 36-14 win last year. DePauw leads in games played for the Monon Bell by a 37-34-6 margin.

DePauw has been selected to host the 2010 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships. Scheduled March 12-13, 2010, 446 athletes are expected to compete in the championships held on the Indoor Tennis and Track Center’s James A. Hollenstein Track.

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