The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming operates as a branch of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s office.

This newsletter provides information on who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved!

How can CLA&S External Programming help you?

Do you have an idea for a conference, camp, course, workshop, educational trip, or speaking engagement?

Do you have an existing conference or program you want us to handle?

Contact us now!

We are always looking for new ways we can provide educational opportunities for learners of all ages.

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLA&S) External Programming is pleased to report another successful year of summer academic camps. In summer 2015, CLA&S External Programming held 9 summer camps, introducing 3 new camps: Digital Media Day Camp, Geography Camp: Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse, and TV Broadcasting Camp! Over 150 junior high and high school students from across Illinois and the United States participated in these summer camps.

Campers entering grades 6-8 at the new Digital Media Day Camp learned how to use iMovie to import pictures, video, and music to create their own short narrative. The new Geography Camp: Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse helped campers entering grades 9-12 learn about mapping, geomatics, meteorology, GIS, and urban geography. The TV Broadcasting Camp taught campers entering grades 9-12 how to write for the news, conduct live interviews, use professional production techniques to operate a camera, and edit video.

At Speech Camp, campers entering grades 9-12 developed and enhanced their forensics skills by selecting or writing their own speeches. Speech campers even got a shout out on Twitter from NIU Speech Camp alum Kay Cannon, writer of Pitch Perfect and Pitch Perfect 2! Journalism Camp gave campers entering grades 9-12 working experience in online and print journalism, generated story ideas, took photos, edited stories, and design and created a layout for their newspaper.

Campers entering grades 6-8 in the Creative Writing Day Camp and campers entering grades 9-12 in the Creative Writing Camp honed their skills through a variety of writing activities with professional instruction—including a video conference with author Andy Weir.

At Film Camp, campers entering grades 9-12 worked with experienced NIU media producers, camera operators, and directors to write, create, and screen their own films. Participants also learned the basics of digital video production, from storyboard to DVD. At the Global Leadership & Philanthropy Camp, campers entering grades 9-12 gained an understanding of the challenges global leaders confront on a daily basis, and strengthened their own leadership skills.

For more information about our summer academic camps visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/camps

Kay Cannon @KayKayCannon · Jun 23
To the speech campers at NIU, I hope you had an aca-great time tonight! #pitchperfect #NIUCampsSpeak
Travel with the Professor to see *The Tempest* at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier

Shakespeare’s enchanted island is transformed in this inventive production from Aaron Posner and Teller (of the legendary duo Penn & Teller), who also contributes astonishing feats of magic. Larry Yando returns to Chicago Shakespeare following his iconic performance in last season’s *King Lear* to take on the role of the vengeful and mysterious Prospero, who conjures a storm shipwrecking his old enemies on the island. This classic tale of revenge is reimagined as a traveling tent show of trickery and amazement—underscored by haunting ballads from the inimitable Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and featuring choreography by the pioneering dance collective Pilobolus. In a production full of “such staff as dreams are made on,” sorcery gives way to the inclinations of the heart.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. inside the beautiful Jentes Family Courtyard Theater (inspired by the Royal Shakespeare Company’s Swan Theater). We will arrive early, so you will have plenty of time to dine and enjoy the stores and attractions of Navy Pier before the show. Navy Pier attractions include Pier Park, the Chicago Children’s Museum, Amazing Chicago’s Funhouse Maze, and the Ferris Wheel.

CLA&S Travel with the Professor Series provides the opportunity for an introduction to the play and the chance to ask questions from an expert after the performance in a small-group setting. William C. Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Department of English at Northern Illinois University, will be our faculty expert.

This year’s reduced ticket price is available due to generous previous-participant donations. Please consider making an additional donation to help support future trips.

**Register now, tickets are limited!**

**Friday, October 23, 2015**

$60 fee

(includes theater ticket and motor coach transportation)

We will depart from the Normal Road (east) entrance of the Holmes Student Center at 3 p.m. with an additional pick up at approximately 3:15 at American Midwest Bank, 1895 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore. We will return at approximately 11:30 p.m.

*For more information visit:*

www.niu.edu/clasep/specialevents

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**LLI Notables Lecture Series**

_Sponsored by CLA&S External Programming and the NIU Lifelong Learning Institute_

Gain new perspectives from your colleagues at the LLI Notables Lecture Series!

**Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Holmes Student Center

*Bring a lunch, purchase one at the student center, or just drop in and listen. Guests are welcome!*

**September 15**

*Fashion, Gender, and Ethnicity in Mainland Southeast Asian Art*

_Catherine Raymond_, NIU School of Art & Design, Director, Center for Burma Studies

**September 22**

*Putin and the USA: A New Cold War?*

_Albert Resis_, Professor Emeritus, NIU Department of History

**September 29**

*After Charlie Hebdo: Laïcité and Religious Politics in France*

_Brian Sandberg_, NIU Department of History

**October 6**

*Weather Safety 101: What You Really Need to Know*

_Gilbert Sebenste_, NIU Staff Meteorologist

**October 13**

*Combating Cancer in the 21st Century*

_Barrie Bode_, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

**October 20**

*My Love Affair with Comic Books*

_Michael Korcek_, NIU Sports Information Director, Retired

**October 27**

*Youth Leadership and Conflict Resolution in the Southern Philippines*

_Susan Russell_, NIU Department of Anthropology

**November 3**

*Taking Care of Old Cons: Why We Need MORE Prisons*

_Jim Thomas_, Professor Emeritus, NIU Department of Sociology

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For more information and a schedule of our 2015 fall programs, visit us on the web: [www.LLI.niu.edu](http://www.LLI.niu.edu)
## 5th Annual “Bullying: How Schools Can Respond”

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Learning Center, Gabel Hall, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL & University Center of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

### Speakers (subject to change):
- “Working with Parents to Address Bullying Situations” by Christine Malecki, Professor and Director of the School Psychology Program, Department of Psychology, NIU, with Michelle Demaray, Professor, Department of Psychology, NIU
- “Bullying Prevention: Promoting Healthy Behaviors and Positive School Climate” by Keynote Speaker Dorothy L. Espelage, Ph.D., Professor, Educational Psychology, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign,  
- “Voices: How Grayslake North High School Students Are Changing the Culture of Their Community” by Megan Sayre, Social Worker, Grayslake North High School, with students from Grayslake North High School,

Northern Illinois University is proud to present the 5th Annual Conference “Bullying: How Schools Can Respond” at the Learning Center on the main campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL and at the University Center of Lake County in Grayslake, IL.

The goal of this professional development conference is to inform and educate administrators, teachers, counselors, and staff members about how they can respond to the issue of bullying in their schools. This event is co-sponsored by the College of Education Office of External & Global Programs and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences External Programming.

Professional Development Hours for licensed educators and Continuing Education Units will be available upon request for those completing the conference.

For more information on this conference visit:  
www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/bullying

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### New Ideas in English: To Teach or Not to Teach? Shakespeare, Lee, Twain, and more

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center, Capitol Room

#### Conference faculty includes:
- **Thomas McCann**, Associate Professor, Teacher Certification, Department of English  
- **Elizabeth Kahn**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Teacher Certification, Department of English  
- **Laura Crowley**, Associate Professor, Department of English  
- **Deborah DeRosa**, Associate Professor, Department of English

As part of our ongoing New Ideas series, we will be holding a one-day professional-development conference to give teachers the opportunity to explore current topics, bring teaching resources to the classroom, and collaborate with educators from other institutions.

Northern Illinois University faculty from the Department of English will share their expertise and provide creative ways to teach the works of Shakespeare, Lee, Twain, and more in the classroom.

For more information on this conference visit:  
www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/newideas/nie102815

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### New Ideas in Foreign Language: Teaching Strategies

**Friday, November 6, 2015**  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center, Regency Room

#### Conference faculty includes:
- **Shannon Becker**, Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics, Department of Foreign Language & Literature  
- **Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz**, Associate Professor of German, Department of Foreign Language & Literature  
- **Mandy Faretta-Stutenberg**, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Department of Foreign Language & Literature  
- **Karen Lichtman**, Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics, Department of Foreign Language & Literature  
- **Candy Medina**, Instructor of Spanish, Department of Foreign Language & Literature

As part of our ongoing New Ideas series, we will be holding a one-day professional-development conference to give teachers the opportunity to explore current topics in teaching a foreign language. Topics include combing IPAs and ACTFL proficiency guidelines, metacognition and listening skills, approaches to online language learning, and immersion experiences.

For more information on this conference visit:  
www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/newideas/nifl110615
We Are Here For You!

Contact us if you have questions about our existing programs, want to propose new projects, or have ideas for how we can work with your department or community organization:

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Test Preparation at NIU

CLA&S External Programming wants to help students make the most of their college application credentials and scholarship opportunities! Every semester, we offer a wide range of on-site test preparation options to help students get into the school of their choice. We have test review sessions for the American College Testing (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), and Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

The registration fee for on-site test preparation includes the course, a comprehensive workbook, several retired tests, a CD-ROM, and guidance from a professional instructor.

We also offer online test preparation for the ACT, GRE, and LSAT. This option includes five months of Pearl Online access and pre- and post-assessments with interactive and comprehensive lessons.

Encourage your students to visit our website to learn more and register online:
www.niu.edu/clasep/testprep

New to Our Office in 2015!

We are excited to welcome a new graduate assistant and student worker to our office!

MATT LONSKI
Matt is a first year graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. He graduated from NIU last May with his Bachelors degree in psychology and formerly worked for LASEP as a student worker. Matt is very excited to rejoin the team and to bring his creativity and passion to the office. Go Huskies!

BRYAN BOSE
Bryan is a first year undergraduate student in the environmental science program. Prior to coming to NIU, he graduated from Elgin Community College with an Associate in Arts and received a Northern Illinois University Transfer Scholarship for 2015-2016.

On-Site Test Prep Schedule

ACT Fall 2015
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Session II: September 20, 27, October 4, 18, and November 8
Materials reviewed: Pre-Test, English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning, Post-Test

GRE Spring 2015
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (1 p.m. on last day of session)
Session I: September 19, 26, and October 3
Session II: November 7, 14, and 21
Materials reviewed: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning and Essay, Discrete Quantitative I & II, and Quantitative Comparisons/Data

LSAT Spring 2015
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Session II: November 7 and 14
Materials reviewed: Analytical Reasoning I & II, Logical Reasoning I & II, Reading Comprehension & Writing Sample

Online Test Prep:
http://niu.edu/clasep/online_testprep

Are You Interested in Teaching Off Campus?

Help non-traditional students earn a degree through our Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) program by teaching a night, weekend, or online-hybrid course. Our courses are offered at NIU-Rockford, NIU-Hoffman Estates, or NIU-Naperville. If you are interested in teaching off-load at one of the regional campuses:

1. Contact your department chair and request a course proposal form.
2. Fill it out and send it back to your department chair for approval.
3. Approved classes will be forwarded to us for scheduling.
4. When scheduling is complete, we’ll notify you and forward a contract for your signature.
5. Sign the contract and you’re all set!

We look forward to working with you! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Petty Johnson:
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