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?

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

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Travel with the Professor: Othello at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Fresh from Shakespeare’s Globe and Royal Shakespeare Company, renowned British director Jonathan Munby returns to Chicago to stage Shakespeare’s most intimate tragedy. In a black and white world, Othello and Desdemona fall in love, but the distinguished commander knows no maneuvers for the affairs of the heart. A stranger in a strange land, he falls under Iago’s spell, mistaking a lethal enemy for his closest ally. Here, Shakespeare excavates the most elemental of human emotions: the all-consuming passion of love—and jealousy, featuring James Vincent Meredith in the title role.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. inside the beautiful courtyard-style 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, and Amazing Chicago’s Funhouse Maze.

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

We will depart from the Normal Road (east) entrance of the Holmes Student Center at 2 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2016 with an additional pick-up at approximately 2:15 p.m. at Oak Crest Retirement Center, 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., DeKalb. We will return approximately 11:30 p.m. The $60 fee includes theater tickets and transportation. Dinner is on your own at Navy Pier.

Travel with the Professor: 2016 Stratford Festival

Mark your calendar now to join us for the 2016 Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, Canada! The festival explores the theme, “After the Victory.”

Join our faculty host, professor emeritus, William Johnson, Ph.D., for the highlights of the Festival’s 2016 season. Shakespeare professor and long-time Festival attendee, Professor Johnson will provide valuable commentary prior to the productions as well as be available to answer questions throughout the program.

In addition to the amazing performances, this five-day, four-night travel experience includes a pre-trip meeting to learn more about the plays, convivial travel, a welcome dinner, a peaceful boat ride along the Avon, and A+ seating. Optional tours give travelers the chance to go behind the scenes at the main stage, explore the Festival’s archives, and discover the gems of the Festival’s costume warehouse. Travelers will enjoy accommodations at the historic Queen’s Inn, located in charming downtown Stratford and within walking distance of local shopping, dining, and attractions.

The Festival’s plays include Macbeth, As You Like It, A Chorus Line, Breath of Kings, Rebellion: Richard II and Henry IV Part 1, Breath of Kings, Redemption: Henry IV Part 2 and Henry V, Shakespeare in Love, All my Sons, and The Aeneid. Packages are available to see four, five, or six performances during our stay. Call or email now to be added to the mailing list for more information. You don’t want to miss this!
18th Annual Salute to Administrative Professionals

On April 22, 2016, Northern Illinois University will be hosting the 18th annual Salute to Administrative Professionals breakfast and seminar in Altgeld Auditorium. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. with door prizes and formal program beginning at 9 a.m.

This annual recognition event honors the hard work and dedication of all administrative professionals at NIU.

Hosted by NIU’s Administrative Professionals Advisory Council (APAC), the event is free for all administrative professionals.

If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to LASEP@niu.edu

2016 Allerton English Articulation Conference

The 52nd Allerton English Articulation Conference, presented by NIU’s Department of English in cooperation with CLA&S External Programming and the statewide Allerton Planning Committee, will bring together faculty from two- and four-year colleges and universities for discussions and presentations on April 13-14, 2016.

This year’s theme will be, “Charting Our Future: Evolutions, Revolutions, and Revelations.” The theme is meant to be generative and exploratory, and asks us to consider how and why our professions evolve, what themes and approaches emerge and re-emerge, and how we discover and reveal our practice with students and colleagues.

For more information about the 2016 Allerton conference visit: www.niu.edu/allerton

Maximizing Social Security Workshops in February, April, and July

Social Security is one of the most valuable and least understood benefits available to retirees today. Advance planning is essential, and the decisions you make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits you stand to receive over your lifetime. This educational workshop will provide you with much needed information to help you understand the system, coordinate spousal and survivor benefits, minimize taxes, and maximize your personal benefits.

Whether you’re single, married, divorced, or widowed, there may be ways to maximize the lifetime Social Security benefits you receive. One of the most important decisions you need to make before you retire is when and how to claim Social Security benefits. About half of retirees apply for Social Security as soon as they become eligible at age 62, but by doing so, they may significantly and permanently impact their income and benefits for the rest of their lives.

Learn important rules that affect the amount of retirement benefits you collect, as well as strategies for coordinating Social Security with other sources of retirement income at this educational workshop!

For more information about our Maximizing Social Security workshops, visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/specialevents/socialsecurity

LLI Notables Lecture Series

Sponsored by the NIU Lifelong Learning Institute and CLA&S External Programming

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!

March 15
History and Health Care Reform
Beatrix Hoffman, Department of History

March 22
Race and Contemporary American Policing
Kirk Miller, Department of Sociology

March 29
The 2016 Presidential Election: Update and Analysis
Matt Streb, Department of Political Science

April 5
Chasing the Wind
Walker Ashley, Meteorology Program, Department of Geography

April 12
On a Non-Racial Basis: Sports and the Struggle Against Apartheid
Stanley Arnold, Department of History

April 19
A Visit with the Coroner
Dennis Miller, DeKalb County Coroner

April 26
Running a Local History Museum
Michelle Donahoe, Director, Sycamore History Museum

May 3
Identity Theft
Jason Leviskas, Illinois Comptroller’s Office

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New Ideas in Social Studies and History: Elections and Issues
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Capitol Room
Conference faculty included:
- April Clark, Ph.D., School of Public and Global Affairs, Department of Political Science and Senior Researcher for the Center of Governmental Studies
- Michael Clark, Ph.D., School of Public and Global Affairs, Department of Political Science
- Beatrix Hoffman, Ph.D., Department of History
- Alicia Schatterman, Ph.D., School of Public and Global Affairs, Department of Public Administration and Center for NGO Leadership and Development

As part of our ongoing New Ideas series, we held a one-day professional-development conference that gave teachers the opportunity to explore current topics and bring teaching resources to the classroom.

Topics included “Accuracy of Polling and Forecasting Elections,” “Serving Democracy: Nonprofits’ Roles in Voter Engagement,” “A Wall or a Welcome: The Battle over Immigration Reform,” and “Electoral Campaigns in Comparative Perspective.”

For more information on this conference visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/nissh021016

New Ideas in Science: STEM in Today’s Classroom
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Capitol Room
Conference faculty included:
- Michael Eads, Ph.D., Department of Physics
- Matt Farmer, M.S. Ed., Department of Educational Technology, Research, & Assessment and teacher at Mundelein High School
- Nicole LaDue, Ph.D., Department of Geology and Environmental Sciences
- Jon Miller, Ph.D., Department of Biological Sciences

As part of our ongoing New Ideas series, we held a one-day professional-development conference that gave teachers the opportunity to explore current topics and bring teaching resources to the classroom.

Northern Illinois University faculty and teacher certification coordinators will share their expertise and provide creative ways to teach STEM topics in today’s classroom, including “Water, Life, and Society,” “Feedbacks in the Earth’s System: Connections to NGSS,” “Everyday Physics: Using Football to Teach Newton’s Laws of Motion,” and “The 1:1 Science Classroom.”

For more information on this conference visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/nisstem022416

Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media
April 1-2, 2016

The Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media (MCLLM) is an interdisciplinary conference focused on exploring the connections between all segments of the liberal arts, as seen in text, media, and communication.

The theme of this year’s MCLLM is “Keep the Change.” The title refers broadly to changes in attitudes, beliefs, styles, approaches, forms, media, and ideologies. It encompasses social and political questions, as well as various genres and contexts in art, language, communication, and media. It can imply embracement of progress or resistance to it, as well as alluding to economic exchange and even altruism.

The keynote speaker will be musician, scholar, and author Adam Gussow, associate professor of English and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi. Gussow will present a talk on the evening of April 1, after the reception and optional conference dinner.

For more information about this conference visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/mcllm

New Ideas in Psychology: Trauma, Stigma, and Identity: Safeguarding our Students’ Mental Health
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Capitol Room
Conference faculty includes:
- Kimberly Cecil, LCSW, Rosalind Franklin University
- Phil Krasula, Ph.D., NIU Department of Psychology
- Kristen Myers, Ph.D., NIU Center for the Study of Women, Gender, & Sexuality, Department of Sociology
- Charles Myers, Ph.D., NIU Department of Counseling, Adult, & Higher Education

As part of our New Ideas series, we will be holding a one-day professional-development conference to give teachers, counselors, social workers, and psychologists the opportunity to explore current mental health concerns in schools.

Topics will include “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Seeking Safety and Acceptance,” “Exposing the Hidden Pressures of Fitting in: Masculinity, Femininity, and Anxiety,” “Creative Connections: Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Adolescents with Trauma,” and “Adolescent Responses to Crisis/Trauma and the Potential, Accompanying Academic Concerns.”

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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:
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2016 Summer Academic Camps
Residential Camp Dates
(For campers entering grades 9-12)
Creative Writing Camp
June 19-24, 2016

Global Leadership & Philanthropy Camp
June 19-24, 2016

Speech Camp
June 19-24, 2016

Film Camp
June 26-July 1, 2016

Geography Camp: Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse
June 26-July 1, 2016

*NEW* Huskie Pride Camp
June 26-July 1, 2016

Journalism Camp
July 10-15, 2016

TV Broadcasting Camp
July 17-22, 2016

Day Camp Dates
(For campers entering grades 6-8)
Digital Media Day Camp
TBA

Creative Writing Day Camp
July 11-15, 2016

For more information visit:
www.niu.edu/clasep/camps

On-Site Test Prep Schedule

ACT Spring 2016
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Session I: February 6, 13, 20, 27, & March 5
Session II: February 7, 14, 21, 28, & March 6
Subjects reviewed: English, Reading, Science Reasoning, & Math. Pre- and Post-Test also included.

GRE Spring 2016
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (1 p.m. on last day of session)
Session I: January 30, February 13, & 20
Session II: April 16, 23, & 30
Subjects reviewed: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning and Essay, Discrete Quantitative I & II, and Quantitative Comparisons/Data

LSAT Spring 2016
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Spring 2016 Session: April 23 & 30
Subjects reviewed: Analytical Reasoning I & II, Logical Reasoning I & II, Reading Comprehension & Writing Sample

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