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# CLA&S External Programming

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming operates as a branch of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's office, under the guidance of Michael Peddle, Ph.D., Associate Dean.

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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## What Did You Do This Summer?

At College of Liberal Arts & Science External Programming, summer is a busy time of the year. We sponsored seven summer camps with over 175 junior high and high school students from across Illinois and surrounding states. Each academic camp provided participants a chance to experience college, from sleeping and eating in the dorms to learning from NIU faculty and working in labs all across campus.

For the **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Career Investigations** camp, campers in grades 9-12 worked with NIU STEM faculty and students and met with STEM professionals from the area to explore possible STEM careers. They covered mechanical, electrical, and systems engineering, as well as physics, chemistry, geology, and game design.

For **Sci-Camp Engineering Amusement: Roller Coasters to Cotton Candy**, campers in grades 6-9 designed their own roller coasters, and ended their week with a trip to Great America. Campers also learned about food safety and had to concoct their own candy treats.

Through journaling, free-writing, structured exercises, and group workshops, **Creative**



**Writing** campers in grades 9-12 honed their skills in poetry and fiction. Throughout the week, these budding writers were given ample time to craft their stories and share their work with their peers.

At **Speech Camp**, campers in grades 9-12 developed their speech skills and honed the art of effective delivery. They developed and enhanced their knowledge in specific areas of speech by selecting or writing their own speeches.

At **Film Camp**, high-school age participants worked with experienced NIU media producers, camera operators and directors while learning the basics of digital video production from storyboard to DVD. At the end of the week, each camper went home with their own DVD to share with family and friends.

Outside of our traditional lineup, we were excited to offer two new camps this year. The first, **Sci-Camp Environment & Sustainability**, offered high school students the opportunity to explore the latest in green technologies. Campers dug into today's efforts to address environmental challenges and improve sustainable practices. Among other green activities, campers tested water quality, experimented with alternative fuels, and visited a local sustainable farm. Professors of anthropology, geology, biology, geography, and technology worked together to help campers get dirty while working for a cleaner, more sustainable future.

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## Learning For the Fun of It! 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NIU's Lifelong Learning Institute

In 2001, the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) launched the first study groups to meet the intellectual needs of area retirees. This project was the brainchild of Arlene Neher and Steven Johnson, then co-directors of CLA&S External Programming. As an adult-directed learning group, ILR offered educational courses based on member interests, as well as weekly lectures by distinguished NIU faculty in their areas of expertise.



Ten years later, the program—now the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI)—is still going strong. The organization includes over 400 members, with nearly 100 members actively participating every year. Both Steve and Arlene are now retired from CLA&S External Programming, but they remain, of course, active LLI members.

We are proud to coordinate NIU's Lifelong Learning Institute, and we look forward to the next 10 years.

**The LLI Fall Term begins September 20, 2011, and ends November 10, 2011. Check out the list of this term's study groups:**

### Tuesdays:

*American Political Philosophy from Jefferson to the Tea Party*  
*Opera*  
*The 1920s*  
*My Kind of Musical Town – Chicago Is*

### Wednesdays:

*Environmental Geology*  
*Intimate Strangers: Unseen Life on Earth*  
*Women and Children and the Courts*  
*Statistics in Our Lives*  
*China Today: An Introduction*

### Thursdays:

*History of American Railroads and the Railroad Industry*  
*Spanish for Travelers*  
*News and Views*  
*Women of Interest*

**For more information or to download the catalogue of our Fall 2011 programs, visit us on the web: [www.LLI.niu.edu](http://www.LLI.niu.edu)**

## NIU Notables Lecture Series

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

Gain new perspectives from your colleagues at the Brown Bag Lecture Series. Tuesdays, 11:30a.m. – 1p.m. in the Holmes Student Center. Bring a lunch, purchase one at the student center, or just drop in and listen.

### September 20

*Studying Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulation through Student Research Papers*  
Brendon Swedlow, Ph.D., Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science; Faculty Associate, NIU Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy

### September 27

*Fashion, Modernism, and Modernity*  
Rebecca Houze, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Art History Division Head, NIU School of Art

### October 4

*Divided Cyprus: A Vibrant and Tragic Island*  
J.D. Bowers, Ph.D., Coordinator of Teacher Certification; Associate Professor, NIU Department of History

### October 11

*Lillian Gilbreth: Management Expert and Mom of the Dozen*  
Alicia Schatteman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Public Administration, NIU Department of Political Science

### October 18

*Issues and Challenges in Intercollegiate Athletics Today*  
Jeff Compher, M.S., Associate Vice President & Director of Athletics, NIU Intercollegiate Athletics

### October 25

*Metropolitan Chicago's Evolution: Extending the Time Line with 2010 Census Results*  
Richard Greene, Ph.D., Associate Professor, NIU Department of Geography

### November 1

*Representing Guantanamo Detainees: An Update*  
Marc Falkoff, Ph.D., Associate Professor, NIU College of Law

### November 8

*The NGOLD Center: A New Model in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement*  
Judith Hermanson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Division of Public Administration, NIU Department of Political Science; Director, NIU Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD)

(Please note that lecture topics are subject to change)



**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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**Preparing Students for the Next Phase of Their Academic Careers**

CLA&S External Programming wants to help your students make the most of their college application credentials and scholarship opportunities. 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 American College Testing (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).



The registration fee includes the course, a comprehensive workbook, practice tests, a CD-ROM, and guidance from a professional instructor. These are condensed test-prep courses with convenient weekend scheduling.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:** As of August 1, 2011, the GRE test has been revised. We have the new material for the revised test.

Visit our website to learn more or to register online:

Test Prep Dates

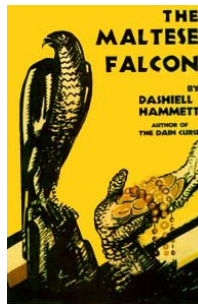
All classes held on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.

- ACT I 9/17-10/15;  
ACT II 9/18-10/16  
(Sundays)
- GRE 9/10-9/24;  
11/5-11/19
- GMAT 9/10-9/24;  
11/5-11/19
- LSAT 11/12-11/19

Test Prep courses are offered to NIU students, employees, and alumni at a discounted rate.

**Community Connections:  
The Big Read**

We are proud to partner with the DeKalb Public Library for the community "Big Read." This year's Big Read is Dashiell Hammett's detective masterpiece, *The Maltese Falcon*.



During the month of October, the Big Read will host discussion groups, games, and a movie night. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted, so come join the fun!

\*\* 3,000 free copies of the book will be given out during the month.

For more information and an event schedule, please visit:  
[www.dkpl.org/bigread](http://www.dkpl.org/bigread)

**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 course. Our courses are offered at NIU-Rockford, NIU-Hoffman Estates, NIU-Naperville and at community colleges throughout Northern Illinois. If you are interested in expanding your horizons as well as those of B.G.S. students:

1. Contact your department chair and request a course proposal and preference 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!

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