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 2016, CLA&S External Programming held 6 summer camps. Over 150 junior high and high school students from across Illinois and the United States participated.

Campers entering grades 6-8 at the Creative Writing Day Camp learned how to develop their fiction and poetry writing skills over 5 days. The camp had a wide array of activities that help cultivate these young students’ writing abilities, such as journaling, free-writing, and revision strategies. The camp concluded with a special luncheon with the campers and their families, where campers shared their best works with peers and family members alike.

At Speech Camp, campers entering grades 9-12 had an opportunity to fine tune their speechwriting and delivery skills. These young speakers participated in a multitude of activities that help them improve their budding oratory abilities in a nurturing and noncompetitive atmosphere.

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. Campers were taught the three phases of filmmaking and had an opportunity to show their complete works to family at the Film Festival during the conclusion of the camp.

At the Global Leadership & Philanthropy Camp, campers entering grades 9-12 were given a taste of the challenges faced by global leaders on a day-to-day basis. This camp concluded with a volunteer day field trip.

For more information about our summer academic camps visit:

www.niu.edu/clasep/camps
Hailed by The Economist as enjoying “near-universal critical acclaim,” the Broadway musical sensation Hamilton has arrived in the Windy City! This November and December, CLA&S External Programming has two sold-out trips to go see this musical live at The PrivateBank Theatre.

According to the official Broadway in Chicago website, this musical is “the story of America’s Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington’s right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the nation’s first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, R&B, and Broadway, Hamilton is the story of America then, told by America now.”

Participants will get to experience this Broadway musical live, and will also have the opportunity to discuss Alexander Hamilton’s legacy and the musical with Matt Streb, Ph.D., of the NIU Department of Political Science.

Currently, tickets for this event are sold out for the November and December showings, but CLA&S External Programming is considering additional Travel with the Professor events to see Hamilton in the Spring due to popular demand.

Once group tickets are made available, please visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/Hamilton

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This fall, CLA&S External Programming will be sponsoring a trip to view the play King Charles III, performed live at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater On Navy Pier.

King Charles III has been described by The New York Times as being “flat out brilliant.”. The play takes place in an “imaginary future history” in which Queen Elizabeth II has passed away, and her son, Prince Charles, has become King Charles III of England. During the play, the recently crowned King Charles III struggles to adapt to his new-found role while dealing with a crisis in England. The date of this trip to be announced.

For more information, please visit: www.niu.edu/clasep/lifelong/lli/2016fall

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On August 13th, college students, members of the NIU and DeKalb community, and Pokémon enthusiasts had a chance to gather and explore how the new phenomenon Pokémon Go works. Autumn James, a Ph.D. candidate in geography at NIU, gave a presentation on Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and how they relate to Pokémon Go.

Those in attendance had a chance to learn about GIS, meet fellow Pokémon Go fans, compete to see who could catch the most Pokémon, play games, watch episodes of the original Pokémon series, eat some pizza, and of course, have fun!
Northern Illinois University is proud to present the 6th 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.

Presentations (subject to change):
- **Keynote Address:** “Expanding Our Approach to Gender-Based Bullying.” **Z Nicolazzo**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Adult & Higher Education Program, Faculty Associate, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, NIU.
- “Preventing and Addressing Cyberbullying: Resources and Tools” by **Christine Malecki**, Ph.D., Professor and Director of the School Psychology Program, Department of Psychology, NIU, with **Michelle Demaray**, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychology, NIU.
- “Prevention Strategies: From Evidence-Based Practice to the Lived Experience of Students and Parents” by **Andy Duran**, Executive Director, LEAD/ SpeakUP! Prevention Coalition. Please note: the location of this presentation will be at the University Center of Lake County in Grayslake, IL with a live feed to NIU.

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: Writing and Creativity in the Classroom**

*Monday, September 26, 2016 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

*Holmes Student Center, Capital Room*

Conference Speakers includes:
- **Kristin Brynteson**, Ph.D., Director of Professional Development, NIU P-20 Center
- **Gail Jacky**, M.A., Director University Writing Center (UWC), UWC Staff
- **Gillian King-Cargile**, M.F.A., STEM Read Director, NIU P-20 Center

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 University Writing Center and P-20 Center will share their expertise and provide inspirational ways to teach and foster creative writing techniques in today’s students using conversation, popular fiction, and the integration of digital media.

For more information on this conference visit: [http://www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/nie092616/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/nie092616/index.shtml)

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**New Ideas in Science: Inquiry in the Classroom**

*Monday, October 24, 2016 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

*Holmes Student Center, Regency Room*

Conference Speakers includes:
- **Gary M. Baker**, Ph.D., Co-coordinator of Graduate Career and Professional Development, The Graduate School
- **Kristin Brynteson**, Ph.D., Director of Professional Development, NIU P-20 Center
- **Autumn C. James**, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Geography

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 science related to fostering scientific inquiry in students. Topics include introducing Geography to students through unconventional means, how to better prepare students for healthcare jobs through Chemistry, and new means of challenging students through Breakout Edu.

For more information on this conference visit: [www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/newideas](http://www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/newideas)

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For more information about our professional development and academic conferences, visit: [www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences](http://www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences)
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.

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

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**New to Our Office in 2016!**

We are excited to welcome two new graduate assistants to our office!

**JOSIAH ACCOLA**
Josiah is a first-year law student at NIU Law. Josiah is originally from Edwardsville, Illinois. Josiah completed his undergraduate degree in the Spring of 2016 at NIU, with a double major in French and Political Science. Josiah is an NIU Ally, and member of the NIU Student Conduct Board. Go Huskies!

**JIM GILBERT**
Jim is a first-year graduate student pursuing a M.A. in Political Science. Jim hails from Palatine, IL. He graduated from NIU with his Bachelors of Science in International Politics with a minor in History in the Fall of 2015. Jim is Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy Reserve.

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**On-Site Test Prep Schedule**

- **ACT Fall 2016**
  - Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16
  - Location: Graham Hall 341
  - Materials reviewed: Pre-Test, English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning, Post-Test

- **GRE Fall 2016**
  - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Session I: September 24, October 1 and 8
  - Session II: November 5, 12, and 19
  - Materials reviewed: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning and Essay, Discrete Quantitative I & II, and Quantitative Comparisons/Data

- **LSAT Fall 2016**
  - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Dates: November 5 and 19
  - Materials reviewed: Analytical Reasoning I & II, Logical Reasoning I & II, Reading Comprehension & Writing Sample

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

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**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, blended online, or fully online course. Our courses are offered at NIU-Rockford, NIU-Hoffman Estates, or NIU-Naperville and regional community colleges. 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: