Free International Films on Campus This Month and Next

Join us for the College of LAE International Film Festival: Tournees Series IV on these dates:

“The Illusionist”
Monday, April 23

“Curse of the Golden Flower”
Tuesday, May 1

“Silent Waters”
Monday, May 7

All films are shown from 6-9 p.m. in the Lundeen Lecture Hall, Room 103, in Doudna Hall. As a special feature, UW-Platteville faculty and staff introduce each film and then lead a discussion session afterwards.

Dilley to Serve as LAE Commencement Speaker

Cherith Dilley, UW-Platteville criminal justice and psychology major from Blue River, Wis., will give the LAE student commencement address in May.

Throop Selected as LAE Dean

Dr. Elizabeth Throop, who has most recently served as visiting professor of anthropology and interim dean of the Siebens School of Business at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, will join us in June as dean of the College of LAE.

Parsons to Attend NEH Institute in Connecticut This Summer

Dr. Amy Parsons, UW-Platteville assistant professor of English, has been selected to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities institute entitled “The American Maritime People” this summer in Mystic, Conn.

Reminder:

LAE will be hosting the first-ever Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors student symposium on Wednesday, April 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Ullsvik Hall. We hope to see you there!
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MEET THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Rea Kirk, professor of education

Years at UW-Platteville?
This is my 16th year here.

Classes you typically teach?
The courses dealing with inclusion of students with special needs (for education majors) and also, in the past, Ethnic and Gender Equity in Education.

What projects are you working on right now?
I am currently involved with two research projects. One is a study on the effects of the Ethnic and Gender Equity in Education course on students’ attitudes toward race, class and gender. The other is with Appleton West High School, finding out how to ensure that every one of the nearly 1,400 students there feel connected to the faculty and staff. This project has been especially fun, as I am doing it with three undergraduate education majors.

MEDIATION TEAM BRINGS HOME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The UW-Platteville mediation team took home the national championship at the National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament held recently at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. UW-Platteville also won in 2006. UW-Platteville sent two teams to the national tournament this year to compete against 24 other teams for crowns in two aspects of alternative dispute resolution: mediation and advocacy. The team of Katie Shanahan, Jennifer Hess, Chaz Nichols and William Kuehni took first place in mediation and seventh place in advocacy. The team of Cody Bales, Matt Jacopelli, Adam Hendryx and Ryan Parr took the sixth place trophy for mediation. Shanahan and Hess won All-American honors in advocacy and Bales won an All-American award for mediation.

TROMBONE QUARTET GOES TO D.C.

Thanks to a grant from the Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement, the UW-Platteville trombone quartet was able to travel to the Washington, D.C., area over spring break for community teaching, performances and an international workshop. Dr. Michael Forbes, assistant music professor, accompanied the student group, which included music majors Sarah Day, Eric Murphy, Dan Vale and Nick Winders.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER DAY A HIT AT UW-PLATTEVILLE

The 39th annual Criminal Justice Career Day event drew more than 70 federal, state and local criminal justice agencies, and hundreds of high school and college students to Ullsvik Hall in March. Student organizers said they were pleased with this year’s attendance and are looking forward to even more visitors next year.
STUDENT CLUB FEATURE
Concert Choir

1. What is your current club enrollment?
We are at 36 this semester.

2. Who is eligible to join Concert Choir?
Anyone may join us who has a desire to rehearse and sing on a regular basis. You don’t have to be a great singer or even a good singer, just one who enjoys singing.

3. What upcoming events do you have?
We will sing during the Symphony Band’s concert on Wednesday, May 2. There, we will join with other singers for a total of more than 130 people singing on one piece accompanied by the band. It will be very exciting. We also have our spring concert on Wednesday, May 9 in the Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. with the University Singers and Chamber Choir.

4. How can being a Concert Choir member help improve one’s college experience?
You get a chance to meet and share time with other students who enjoy singing. And performing in front of people always builds self-confidence, which most people need to succeed in life. Everyone in college should take opportunities to get up in front of others and perform.

5. When are Concert Choir meetings/rehearsals and how does one become a member?
Meetings/rehearsals are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. in the choir room in the Center for the Arts. Interested students may contact Greg Dennis at dennisg@uwplatt.edu.

NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES MINOR
Beginning in fall 2012, a new interdisciplinary film and media studies minor will be available to UW-Platteville students. The program is expected to draw 10-20 students in its first semester, and although it is targeted toward majors in English, communication technologies, theatre, art, computer science and technology education, it is constructed in a way to be beneficial for any student who has an interest in the film and media studies fields. Anyone who would like to know more about the minor may contact Dr. Laura Beadling, UW-Platteville assistant English professor, at beadlingl@uwplatt.edu.

STUDENTS PRESENT AT POSTERS IN THE ROTUNDA
Several students from UW-Platteville attended the ninth annual Posters in the Rotunda: A Celebration of Undergraduate Research event hosted by the UW System. Students and projects from the College of LAE included Steven LaBarge and Sara Allen, invasive earthworm impacts on tree growth in the Menominee Forest of Northern Wisconsin; Michelle Merkovich, lone wolf typology of domestic terrorists; and Leslie Monical, Brandon Schumacher and Elizabeth Wilkinson, action research in public schools through a university partnership.

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