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## Our Mission

The mission of the Great Lakes Colleges Association is to take actions that will help strengthen and preserve our colleges; and by being a leading force on behalf of education in the tradition of the liberal arts and sciences. Rich in tradition, GLCA will continue to enhance our colleges by leading as new areas of opportunity and challenge emerge.

## Feature Articles

### It's a Small World After All!

Charla White

The twelve liberal arts colleges that make up the GLCA consortium are all unique but share similar qualities. A few qualities shared include providing a strong education, producing well rounded students who are ready to engage in the "real world" in meaningful ways, strong communities both on and off campus, and faculty that make a difference. Having worked at Earlham College for 15 years, I saw these qualities each and every day that I went to work and with each graduating class. I was truly saddened to leave Earlham behind to move to Ann Arbor but I am delighted to say that Earlham is never very far away.

Each of the twelve schools in the consortium graduate students from all over the world so there should be no surprise when an alumnus pops up! My story begins when Maryann Walker, GLCA, informed the office that she had just won a free lunch for eight at the Brecon Grille in Saline, Michigan. The lunch was being paid for by Kevin Carr of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. When I heard the name, I began to wonder: is it possible that this Kevin Carr was the young man I had seen grow-up on Earlham's campus and who was the son of Earlham's Athletic Director, Frank Carr? At lunch, I learned that he was one and the same!

Kevin Carr graduated from Earlham College in May 2005 with a psychology major. Al-

though Carr planned to major in mathematics he found himself strongly attracted to the idea of community and the relationships that are stressed at Earlham. He changed his major to psychology because it enabled him to interact more with people both on campus and in the larger community.

When asked why Carr chose Earlham his response was quick and heartfelt. He wanted to be close to his family and he saw it as an opportunity to have his father as his football coach once again. Although his father was promoted from Head Football Coach to Athletic Director his second year as a student, he was glad. While his father was not going to be his coach, Carr was still able to spend quality time with his father as the Athletic Director.

Carr said his most memorable class was called clinical and psychotherapy which he took in the first semester of his senior year. It was memorable for several reasons but mainly because he met a very special person. His wife-to-be, Nichole Dudley, had a double major of Human Development and Social Relations and Psychology at Earlham. Nicole has since completed a Masters from the University of Michigan.

Carr attributes his Earlham career with helping him in the real world. Attending a small liberal arts school has helped him "interact

### Call for Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *The Beacon* is March 16, 2007. Please send submissions electronically as e-mail text or attachments to Charla White, Editor at [white@glca.org](mailto:white@glca.org). Submissions may be edited for length. Feedback and comments are always welcome.

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**It's a Small World After All! *continued***

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Kevin Carr, Earlham Alum

with people and feel a part of a community which is not a possibility with a larger school. Having 10-15 students in a class prepared me to talk, deal, and listen with people in ways that a larger school does not allow to happen.”

Carr was back at Earlham when ground was broken for the new stadium. The sense of community was as strong as ever and that is what he misses most. Carr remembers and agrees with Earlham’s mission of “Engaging in a changing world” for their students. Everyone at Earlham is an extremely strong role

model and he hopes the faculty and staff continue to engage with the students. Regardless of why they are at Earlham, Carr knows that students will have the same strong experiences he did and hopes that each student takes advantage of the opportunities found in a small close-knit community.

If you know of any alumni from your school that we can highlight, please forward their name and contact information to Charla White, [white@glca.org](mailto:white@glca.org).

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**GLCA Academic Innovation Fund**

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GLCA is pleased to announce a new professional development resource for faculty members who seek to collaborate in pursuing shared interests in research, teaching, or leadership development. The Academic Innovation Fund will provide professional development support totaling \$100,000 over three years to groups of faculty seeking to work together in achieving common purposes within and across GLCA’s member colleges.

The Academic Innovation Fund is one component of the GLCA Academic Leadership and Innovation (GALI) Institute, begun in Fall 2006 with a major grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. In addition to providing support for collaborative faculty initiatives, the Mellon grant supports a series of GALI Institute faculty development workshops, which will provide a growing number of faculty members with a foundation for better understanding academic leadership, governance, and decision making at liberal arts colleges.

On a competitive basis, the Academic Innovation Fund will provide grant support to groups of two or more faculty members who propose to work collectively in achieving either of two broad purposes:

- *To build academic community* and contribute to the enhancement of research and teaching within or across academic disciplines;
- *To foster academic leadership* skills that contribute to effective decision-making in the context of institutional governance.

GLCA encourages faculty members of its 12 member colleges to consider the Academic Innovation Fund as a resource to support collaborative explorations of approaches with the potential to strengthen liberal arts education.

For a complete description of the GLCA Academic Innovation Fund, see our website at [www.glca.org](http://www.glca.org).

For more information, contact Gregory Wegner, Director of Program Development: [wegner@glca.org](mailto:wegner@glca.org).



## Announcements

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GLCA

1st Annual Philosophy Conference

“Philosophy and Tragedy”

Earlham College

Richmond, IN

April 7, 2007

Register Now

with

Kevin Miles ([mileske@earlham.edu](mailto:mileske@earlham.edu))

GLCA

15th Black Studies Conference

“The Black Public Sphere”

Kenyon College

Gambier, OH

April 27-28, 2007

Register Now

with

Glenn McNair ([mcnairg@kenyon.edu](mailto:mcnairg@kenyon.edu))

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## Great Lakes Information Technologists for Education and Research Conference

The Annual Great Lakes Information Technologists for Education and Research (GLITTER) Conference is being held March 14-16, 2007 at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. GLITTER participants include IT staff from the GLCA member colleges, plus Alma College. The entire group is a regional chapter of the Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges (CLAC).

sions on information technology topics relevant to this year's theme: "Maintaining Security and Tolerance in Our Academic Worlds."

Details can be found on the Oberlin College website at <http://www.oberlin.edu/cit/glitter07>

Questions or comments should be directed to [glitter07@oberlin.edu](mailto:glitter07@oberlin.edu).

The conference will consist of parallel ses-

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## Noteworthy News

### Albion College: President Selected



Dr. Donna M. Randall

Albion College announced the appointment of its 15<sup>th</sup> president, Dr. Donna M. Randall, currently the provost at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. Randall is the first woman president in the college's 172-year history. She will succeed Dr. Peter T. Mitchell, who is retiring in June after 10 years in the Albion presidency. Randall's appointment will be effective July 1, 2007.

The appointment, affirmed by the Albion College Board of Trustees, concludes a national search that has been conducted since August and involved trustees, faculty, staff and student representatives.

"Donna Randall will bring extraordinary leadership abilities to her role as Albion's president," said Richard Baird, Chairman of the

college's Board of Trustees. "She is a seasoned academic administrator and a talented scholar-teacher, with profound insights on how our nation's colleges – and Albion, in particular – can and should prepare students for global citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition, she will bring an open and collaborative approach to her work as President that will encompass not only the campus community but alumni and members of the great Albion community as well. In Donna Randall, I believe we will have a creative and courageous leader who will build on our traditional strengths and help shape a vibrant future for Albion College."

For more information, visit <http://www.albion.edu>

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## Carnegie Perspectives: A Different Way to Think About Teaching and Learning

A recent article in *Change* magazine focused on higher education's ongoing responsibility to tell the story of student learning with care and precision. To fulfill this responsibility at the institutional level will require ongoing deliberations among colleagues and stakeholders about specific learning goals and educational purposes. In the article, Lloyd Bond presents a strong argument for the use of common examinations as a powerful form of as-

essment and he provides rich context for faculty deliberations on their goals for students. Lloyd uses specific examples in his article to show support for faculty communication and student learning.

Additional details at <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/perspectives/index.asp>

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**Recycling Tips**

- Best reuses for a fabric softener sheet: Keep drawers and luggage fresh. Wipe the lint screen of your dryer. Clean lint and pet hair off furniture. Eliminate static cling in skirts by rubbing on pantyhose.
- Plastic soda bottle uses: Make a disposable funnel from the top half cut a scoop from the bottom half, or use the bottom half as a plant "greenhouse."
- Best use for an empty pump-top hand soap dispenser: refill with liquid soap detergent.
- Crumple old newspapers (no colors) and place in plastic containers or in your refrigerator to eliminate odors

<http://www.pioneerthinking.com/recycle.html>

## News About GLCA Member Schools

### Antioch College: Coretta Scott King Center



The Coretta Scott King Center for Cultural and Intellectual Freedom

On March 27th, Antioch will host a dynamic opening celebration for the Coretta Scott King Center for Cultural and Intellectual Freedom. This innovative event will include an open house beginning at 9:30 AM, a community engagement workshop in the morning, and a noon luncheon with speakers, including President Steven Lawry and nationally acclaimed cellist Karen Patterson.

In the evening, these events will culminate in a multi-faceted program dedicated to the life and legacy of Coretta Scott King. The keynote speaker is historian Dr. Vicki Crawford, whose edited book on women in the civil rights movement is one of the most influential early works on the topic. She also spoke on NPR about the passing of Coretta Scott King.

Following Dr. Crawford, Antioch students, staff, faculty, and Yellow Springs residents will present dance, orchestral and choral pieces.

Throughout the week, there will be an art show featuring work from Yellow Springs students K-5, themed 'What does freedom look like.'

The celebration is open to the public.

In 2005, Coretta Scott King honored the college by agreeing to give her name to The Cor-

retta Scott King Center for Cultural and Intellectual Freedom. The Center focuses on applied ethics, including the philosophy of human rights and equality at Antioch, and non-violent social change.

When fully implemented, The Coretta Scott King Center will house two full-time endowed faculty chairs in the Humanities and provide scholarships for first generation students from impoverished urban communities.

Delta Air Lines Foundation has generously committed to five annual \$10,000 scholarships and \$50,000 of paid travel per year on Delta Air Lines for undergraduate students to fulfill public service requirements and expand advocacy for efforts in civil rights and human rights around the world.

Dr. Dana Patterson was appointed Director for the Center in December 2006.

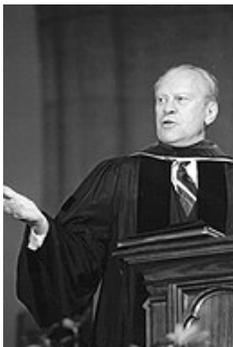
For additional information, visit <http://www.antioch.edu>



Dr. Dana Patterson and her family

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## Hope College: Gerald Ford Remembered



Ford Receives Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Hope College — 1987



When President Gerald R. Ford accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Hope College in April, 1987, he called it the most meaningful degree he had ever received.

“Because of my very, very high regard for Hope College, no degree — earned or honorary — will mean more to me than the one I received from this outstanding institution,” President Ford said at a convocation held in his honor.

President Ford was no stranger to Hope College. From 1949 through 1973, as a Congressman whose district included Holland, he made annual visits to Hope to discuss foreign and domestic issues with students and faculty. He frequently hosted students and faculty at his Congressional office in Washington, D.C. In 1971 he delivered the keynote address and cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

“We acknowledge with gratitude to God, President Ford’s service to our country,” said Hope College President James E. Bultman. “We are grateful for the affection he showed toward Hope College during his distinguished career, first as a Congressman, later as President, and in recent years as Statesman.”

In 1977, just months after losing his presidential election bid to Jimmy Carter, Ford was back on the Hope campus, giving students an opportunity to ask questions of a man who less than a year earlier had been directly affecting the course of U.S. history. Students lined the Pine Grove sidewalk to shake his hand. Electing to speak from the floor instead of a podium, the former chief executive said his visit “was like coming home.”

For more information, visit <http://www.hope.edu>

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## Black History Events – Highlights from two GLCA campuses

Several GLCA campuses feature month-long events to commemorate and celebrate Black History Month. A few examples of events from Denison University and Ohio Wesleyan University are listed below. Please check the websites of each GLCA school to find out about other events or for more detailed information.

### Denison University

Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs (MCSA), Vincent L. Briley, Director / Assistant Dean of Students has scheduled:

Dr. Carter G. Woodson Black History Championship for Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Participating teams include: Kenyon College, Washington & Jefferson (PA), Otterbein College, The Ohio State University, and Denison University.

Twelve teams, each consisting of four members, will answer questions taken from *The African American Almanac – Ninth Edition* by Jeffrey Lehmen.

### Ohio Wesleyan University

Minority Affairs, Darryl A. Peal, Director is planning special events ranging from a Caribbe-Afrique Festival to an appearance by former “ER” actress Gloria Reuben.

All events are free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m. March 1 – Dr. Jacqueline J. Royster of The Ohio State University will present “Black Women in the Academy,” a discussion of the issues and challenges experienced by African American women as they navigate through higher education. Location is to be determined.

8 p.m. March 28 – Gloria Reuben, best known for her Emmy-nominated stint as an HIV-positive healthcare professional on the NBC television show “ER,” will give a presentation on HIV/AIDS and gender in the African American community. The event will take place in the Benes Rooms of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

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## GLCA Faculty News

### Faculty Recognitions

**DePauw University**—Cleveland Johnson, Music, is traveling and performing in India with the world music ensemble, Global Rhythms.

Jeff McCall, Communication, discussed “mistakes and ethical lapses “cloud” credibility of Journalism on the Bill O’Reilly Radio Show January 30, 2007.

Wade Hazel and Robert Stark, Biology, with three students were published in the January 2007 (vol.100, No. 1) issue of the *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*.

**Earlham College**—Corinne Deibel, Chemistry, Project Director Michael Deibel, Chemistry, John Iverson, Biology, Mic Jackson, Mathematics, David Matlack, Biology, Ronald Parker, Geosciences, Charles Peck, Computer Science, Margaret Streepey, Geosciences, and Lori Watson, Chemistry worked together to develop the Multidisciplinary Curriculum Development and “Real World” Research project funded by W.M. Keck Foundation Grant.

**Hope College**—Rodney Boyer, Chemistry, was appointed by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to the study group designed to evaluate how disciplines of biochemistry and molecular biology support and contribute to the broad goals of liberal arts education .

Jeanine Dell’Olio, Education, and Tony Donk, Education, have co-authored “Models of Teaching” a textbook designed for students en route to becoming teachers themselves. Distribution has begun for the book, interested parties should contact Hope College for obtaining a copy.

Steven Hoogerwerf, Religion, received the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for his outstanding contributions in service learning

and community service through modeling, influence or instruction.

Elliot Tanis, Mathematics, co-authored a new textbook for introductory mathematical statistics classes titled “A Brief Course in Mathematical Statistics” published by Prentice Hall Inc.

**Kalamazoo College**—Amy Elman, Political Science, is Chair of the 2007 American Political Science Association’s Victoria Schuck Award Committee which selects the year’s best book published on women and politics.

Olga Bonfiglio, Education, presented a paper titled “Adopting the Warrior Archetype as a Strategy for Dealing With a Dangerously Volatile World” at the First North American Global Radicalism Conference in January at Michigan State University.

Siu-Lan Tan, Psychology, received the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for her outstanding contributions in service learning and community service.

Guoqi Xu, History, presented a series of lectures on U.S.-China relations at the University of Michigan. Xu has several publications forthcoming later in the year.

**Wooster**—Lori Bettison-Varga, Geology and Associate Dean for Research and Grants as well as President of the Council on Undergraduate Research and Director of the Keck Geology Consortium, served as the moderator for a national dialogue on the impact of undergraduate research on America’s global competitiveness in Washington, D.C.

Jack Gallagher, Music, won a Grammy Award in the category “Best Instrumental Soloist Performance with Orchestra” at the February 11th Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.



**Faculty Recognitions *continued***

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Your feedback, suggestions,  
and submissions are always  
appreciated.

Charla White

Bob Rodda, Director of Lowry Center and Student Activities, was honored by Region 7 of the Association of College Unions International with the newly created award titled "Bob Rodda New Professional Award."

Ansley Valentine, Theatre, has been nominated for an Actors Center Fellowship at the Kennedy Center this summer.

Congratulations to everyone!

Please send faculty accomplishments to Charla White at [white@glca.org](mailto:white@glca.org)

***GLCA Events Calendar***

Date	Meeting	Location
3/16-17/2007	International and Off-Campus Education Committee	Ann Arbor
3/29-30/2007	Registrar Meeting	Oberlin
4/7/2007	1st Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference	Earlham
4/11-13/2007	Deans' Council/GLCA Board Meeting	Kalamazoo
4/13-14/2007	Women's Studies Committee Meeting	DePauw
4/26-27/2007	Committee for Institutional Commitment to Educational Equity	Kenyon
4/27-28/2007	Black Studies Conference	Kenyon
7/18-21/2007	Ann Arbor Art Fairs	Ann Arbor