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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 be 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 STORIES



The Fulbright Program is one of the best known and most successful fellowship programs. This year approximately 1,500 students from the United States were awarded a scholarship to study abroad and 1,300 Scholars obtained a grant to teach or undertake research overseas.

The Fulbright Program began in 1946 with the international academic-exchange program which awarded grants that are financed by the U.S. government and the government of each country in which the awards are available. The U.S. has contributed nearly \$221 million to the fellowships.

Interesting Facts about the Fulbright Program:

- For faculty members, Fulbright does not require applicants to have Ph.D.s – equivalent experience is considered.
- Community-College faculty, have a unique opportunity to teach others regarding their institutions, as Russia, Turkey, Denmark, and Brazil have requested assistance in strengthening their vocational education.
- Fulbright is seeking to broaden their pool of American Institutions to include community colleges, other two-year institutions, historically black colleges and small rural colleges.

All GLCA schools have their fair share of Fulbright Scholar awards each year. As of this date, the Fulbright Scholars from the GLCA schools during the 2009 academic year are as follows:

Albion	3
Denison	3
DePauw	3
Hope	3
Kalamazoo	3
Kenyon	8
Oberlin	6
Wooster	3

There were over 900 applicants who applied for a Fulbright this year from baccalaureate institutions. Only 275 grants were awarded.

The Teaching Fellows for 2008-09 presently teach English in South Korea, Macau, Germany, Argentina, Russia, and France, and labor relations in China. The Fulbright Research Fellows include topics surrounding public-health research in China and the effectiveness of cervical cancer screening and prevention programs in Guatemala.

Call for Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *The Beacon* is January 5, 2009. Please send submissions electronically as e-mail text or attachments to Charla White, Editor at white@glca.org. Submissions may be edited for length. Feedback and comments are always welcome.

NEWS ABOUT GLCA SCHOOLS

Albion Student Newspaper Wins Multiple Awards

The Pleiad, Albion College's 120 year old student newspaper, continues to demonstrate excellence among its peer publications, a fact underscored by the Michigan Collegiate Press Association (MCPA). The Pleiad received five awards for stories and design published during the 2007-08 academic year.

The contest was open to student newspaper members of the Michigan Press Association (MPA), and was cosponsored by the Michigan Collegiate Press Association, an association of advisers of the MPA student newspaper members.

"It's easy to forget when you put in so many hours writing a story and editing on the Pleiad staff that people are actually reading your stories," said one Albion winner, Ben Stark, a senior from Westlake, Ohio. "I'm very proud and I know the rest of the staff is very proud. It's always great to get some validation after many months of hard work. The Pleiad experience has been absolutely phenomenal and we're just glad we have readers."

This marks the fourth straight year the Pleiad

has received multiple Division II awards from the MPA and the second straight year winning the Non-Deadline Story category. Division II school publications include the Grand Valley State University Lanthorn, the Hillsdale College Collegian and the Valley Vanguard of Saginaw Valley State University.

The Pleiad award winners are:

Non-Deadline Story — 1st place

"Dedicated Force" by Calli McCain, '09

Non-deadline Story — 3rd place

"Not Green Enough" by Ben Start, '09

Feature Story — 3rd place

"True Life" by Calli McCain, '09

News Special Section — 3rd place

"The Housing Game" (Lindsay Zeigin-Netter, '08, and staff editors)

Sports Page Design — 2nd place

Danni Wysocki, '10

Allegheny Joins National Leadership Coalition

Allegheny College president James H. Mullen Jr., is one of 45 college and university presidents who were invited to form a national leadership coalition that committed their campuses to becoming models of effective liberal education.

The coalition's objective is to encourage and support those institutions that are committed to providing successful models of how a campus culture focused on actively engaging students in learning – and evaluating their success in doing so – can promote the full intellectual, emotional and civic development of their students. The coalition's initial activity will be a presidents' symposium in Washington, D.C., November.

The diverse group of 45 presidents who will attend the two-day Symposium will form the nucleus of the Leadership Coalition. In addition to receiving grant support, the participating institutions agree to:

- Hold relevant internal conversations regarding the institution's commitment to a call for a "campus culture for learning," what that will mean for their campus, and what strategies they may employ.
 - Establish a leadership/planning team that would initiate plans to fit their own institutional culture. (The plans they develop will be presented at a national workshop session in 2009.)
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Allegheny Joins National Leadership Coalition *continued*

- Put their plans into practice beginning in the calendar year of 2009, and a retrieval and dissemination conference will occur in 2010. The campus projects will constitute the examples that will become the central features of a nationally distributed publication, promulgating the institutions as models of successful, effective and affordable “Strategies for Change in Creating and Sustaining Campus Cultures for Learning.”

“Creating campus cultures that help students achieve all of the core outcomes of liberal education can become the defining condition for

institutional excellence and appeal, and the best means of re-centering higher education's focus on the whole student,” said Sally Engelhard Pingree, who founded the Bringing Theory to Practice Project, which is supporting the coalition.

The Association of American Colleges and Universities is a partner in the project, which receives funding from the S. Engelhard Center, the Charles Engelhard Foundation, the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation and the Lumina Foundation.

Denison’s Artistic Support to Fight Cancer

Bra Art 2008 is a community project and exhibition to promote the use of artwork as activism and raise awareness of breast cancer. The project is the result of student coordinator Chrissy Martin’s desire to raise money for breast cancer research. The community project to create the bra artwork was held from 6 to 10 p.m. on two nights: Wednesday, Oct. 15 and Thursday, Oct. 16 in the Doane Library print-making room (400 West Loop). The exhibition, “A Night of 200 Bras,” occurred at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at a gallery hop that began in the Doane Library Student Gallery (400 West Loop).



The goal of Bra Art 2008 was to involve the entire community with the creation of artwork for the exhibit. Collaboration with the Denison Studio Art Department, Denison Colleges Against Cancer, Denison Women’s Studies, Denison Art Collective, John Alford Center for Service Learning along with the local community, incorporated many views into the work. Maidenform generously donated 200 bras for the artwork.

Denison and the local community were invited to create the artwork with donated supplies including paint, material, glue and decorative materials. Artwork was not limited to the provided supplies; artists were welcome to use other materials in their work. Both evenings included demonstrations and examples of bra artwork.

In one venue, held in the student gallery in the library, the bra artistry was diverse and all-encompassing. Some were painted, decorated with feathers, buttons, cloth flowers, others had inspirational phrases and word, and one had a blanket of pink cancer-awareness ribbons.

Denison’s first bra art gallery hop occurred in four locations on the Denison campus. The bras were placed for sale and donations accepted the night of the exhibit. All proceeds from the event will go directly to the American Cancer Society to aid in breast cancer research.



Photographs by: The Granville Sentinel, Mike Lehmkuhle.

DePauw Signs Amethyst Initiative

DePauw University President Brian Casey has joined 130 other chancellors and presidents of universities and colleges across the United States in calling for a new focus on the problem of underage drinking. Dr. Casey signed a public statement supporting the Amethyst Initiative, which urges elected officials to weigh all the consequences of current alcohol policies and to invite new ideas on how best to prepare young adults to make responsible decisions about alcohol use.



DePauw Students

DePauw's Student Life and Academic Atmosphere Committee -- consisting of members from the faculty, staff and student body -- recommended that President Casey sign the initiative.

"Excessive alcohol use is a major concern of every college president I know," says Casey. "This is an issue for every college across America and for our nation as a whole. The time has come for all of us to engage in an honest discussion about alcohol based on data and common sense, and not just emotion. Young lives, and our future, are at stake."

Launched in July 2008, the Amethyst Initiative supports informed and unimpeded debate on the 21 year-old drinking age. It aims to encourage moderation and responsibility as an alternative to the drunkenness and reckless decisions about alcohol that mark the experience of many young Americans.

The organization's statement as finally drafted does not, by design, prescribe a particular policy change. It does, however, state clearly the signatories' belief that the current drinking age of 21 is not working as well as the public may think, that its unintended consequences are posing increasing risks to young people, and that it is time for a serious debate among our elected representatives about whether current public policies are in line with current realities.

"By signing this statement, we are not affirming our unequivocal support for lowering the drinking age," asserts DePauw's nineteenth president. "What we are committing to is a process of evaluation and conversation with an

end goal of creating more open dialogue about issues related to student drinking. The age at which it is legal for people to drink is only one part of a large equation," he adds.

An increasing campus dialogue on the issue of alcohol has begun. Dr. Casey and Cindy Babington, vice president for student life and dean of students, hosted a community-wide conversation about alcohol use on campus, which was attended by approximately 200 students. A second conversation is scheduled for Monday, December 8.

On December 12, DePauw's Office of Student Life is offering access to a webinar: "The Amethyst Initiative Debate: Rethinking The Drinking Age."

"One objective in signing on to the Amethyst Initiative is to encourage ongoing dialogue about alcohol use on our campus," adds Dean Babington. "The current law places campus staff in the difficult position of telling students under 21 not to drink, but yet feeling a responsibility to educate them about the consequences of drinking to keep safe those students who choose to disregard the law."

In an October 29 article on the Amethyst Initiative, the *New York Times* noted that "surveys find that more than 8 in 10 college students drink and that 4 in 10 are binge drinkers (meaning that in the previous two weeks a man had consumed at least five drinks in a sitting, or a woman four) ... College presidents, while philosophical about the historical bonds between academe and alcohol, are immensely frustrated by the universal flouting of the law and the persistence of binge drinking. Each year, they see its tragic consequences in the form of alcohol poisonings, drunken-driving arrests, date rapes and barroom brawls. Even at universities, like Florida, that make aggressive efforts at enforcement and education, administrators say they believe success is limited to the margins."

To learn more about the Amethyst Initiative go to: <http://www.amethystinitiative.org/>

Earlham Student Work Professionally Recognized

Two Earlham photography students were pleasantly surprised to have had their work professionally validated during the summer. A photograph by Rosie Nevins, a second-year from Boston, has been made into a billboard for Girls, Inc., and senior art major Coleman Yunger sold out his first solo show in his hometown of Washington, D.C.



"Legs"
by Carl Yunger

"I didn't expect to sell anything," Yunger says. "I thought being 21 and having a solo show in Washington was the greatest thing ever." However, Yunger's show, *In Passing*, had the highest-selling opening in the history of the Atlas Theater Gallery.

Nevins admits that even after a month she continues to be amazed when she drives past one of the Girls, Inc. billboards.

"It's still so strange when I see it," she says. "I think 'That's my work on a billboard.'"

Works In Progress

Nevins took photographs at Girls, Inc. as part of a class project. The assignment was to photograph a work in progress.

"Certainly little girls are works in progress," she says. "I talked with the girls, and they took a couple of shots with my camera. I asked them how they wanted to look in the picture. That's when one of the girls began whispering in the other's ear."

After completing the assignment, Nevins gave the photographs to Girls, Inc., hoping they

would be useful to the organization. Later she received a call telling her that one of the photos would be made into a billboard. "I didn't know what to think," she says. "It took me completely by surprise."

Nevins, a Human Development and Social Relations major, says that although her camera is never far from her side, she has been contemplating a career in child psychology, child therapy or law. In April she completed 30 hours of training and serves as a volunteer child advocate for the Wayne County superior court system. She enjoys this work, but says she may investigate the possibility of doing photography on the side. "Now that I have my work on a billboard, maybe I should do something with my photography," Nevins says. "The billboard makes me feel like a semi-professional artist."

New York Arts Program

In Passing was the result of a semester Yunger spent on the New York Arts Program, where he interned for professional photographers, Frank Oudeman and Sebastian Bremer. "I wanted this exhibition to show a collection of things that you walk by, but you may not notice," Yunger says. "There were a lot of graffiti shots."

Yunger says the show represented the most cohesive body of work he had ever assembled. Buyers told him they were drawn to the crispness of the photos and starkness of their contrast. After the show's success, Yunger says he feels a bit of pressure to continue producing top quality art. "Right now I feel I need to get more of my work out there and start living the life in the real world," he says. "And that scares me."

Girls Inc Billboard, photograph taken by Rosie Nevins



Kenyon Students Research Fire of Life

With funds from a National Science Foundation grant, interdisciplinary teams of Kenyon students and professors are exploring one of life's most intriguing mysteries. The focus is metabolism itself, "the fire of life," and more specifically a remarkable consistency seen in creatures from bacteria to blue whales.

The three-year grant of more than \$236,000 supports a range of studies in both biology and mathematics that investigate metabolic scaling, or how the rate of metabolism changes with the size of organisms. Across the living world, metabolic scaling takes on a consistent mathematical form, says Assistant Professor of Biology Drew Kerkhoff, a specialist in the increasingly important field of mathematical biology and one of five professors involved in the project.



A manduca sexta

Attacking the problem from a number of angles, and using sophisticated statistical methods as well as mathematical modeling, the faculty-student teams are studying the factors that underpin metabolic scaling. Working with Kerkhoff are biologists Chris Gillen and Harry Itagaki, along with mathematicians Brad Hartlaub and Judy Holdener, plus students participating in the Summer Science Scholars Program.

"It's not practical to work on bacteria and blue whales," says Kerkhoff. "So we need an animal that spans a wide range of body sizes." Enter *Manduca sexta*, the larva of the tobacco hawkmoth which grows to 10,000 times its egg mass in 18 days. "In other words," says Kerkhoff, "it doubles its mass every day, growing from a tiny one-milligram egg to about 10 grams in weight, and a few inches long. For comparison, a bull elephant is about 10,000 times heavier

than a guinea pig."

The grant was awarded this fall, but work was already under way, and a number of students reported their summer research results at a crowded poster session during Family Weekend earlier this month. The same students will be presenting their findings in January at the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, in Boston.

"Our main focus is on understanding how metabolic scaling relates to resource exchange," says Kerkhoff. "The caterpillar eats plant leaves, taking up nutrients. Does that exchange process determine scaling?" The work has implications for understanding life at every level of organization, from molecules to ecosystems.

One of the studies looks at transporter proteins in the tissue of the *Manduca* midgut, where digestion takes place. Another focuses on the surface area of the midgut and entails a painstaking process of taking cross sections (with techniques developed at Kenyon) and using digital photography, image-processing software, and mathematical modeling to produce a three-dimensional picture of the midgut. Another measures the caterpillar's metabolic rate by tracking oxygen consumption and carbon dioxide production.

"This is a truly unique project," says Kerkhoff. "Other researchers are working on specific, specialized problems. But here's a whole collection of faculty and students working collectively, seeing how all the aspects of the question fit together."

Ohio Wesleyan Prepares for Library Digitization Project

Ohio Wesleyan University has been awarded more than \$47,000 to collaborate with the Delaware County Historical Society to digitize and place online an estimated 1,200 rare documents recounting the history of the university, the Delaware community, and their ties to the Methodist faith.

The one-year Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant was awarded to Ohio

Wesleyan by the State Library of Ohio using funds provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant marks Ohio Wesleyan's first LSTA grant, said Theresa Byrd, Ed.D., the university's chief information officer and director of libraries.

"This grant allows us to accelerate our efforts to digitize and share with the world some of our rare and fragile historical documents,"

Ohio Wesleyan Prepares for Library Digitization Project *continued*

Byrd said. "The project also allows us to form an educational partnership with the Delaware County Historical Society to tell a more complete story."

One of the fragile documents being digitized is a handwritten list of Delaware residents who pledged financial support in the 1840s to help purchase Ohio Wesleyan's first building. The effort was spearheaded by the Rev. Adam Poe, then-pastor of the William Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The joint project also will involve sorting and scanning historically significant manuscripts, maps, monographs, pamphlets and photographs, Byrd said. The pieces will be digitized using an archival imaging scanner purchased with LSTA grant funds. The \$30,000 scanner uses an arm-mounted overhead camera to create electronic images without damaging, or even touching, delicate documents. The scanner will be available to other area libraries, Byrd said.

The project, "Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism, and Ohio Wesleyan University" is expected to be completed by July 1, Byrd said. While it is being completed, the university will be busy planning additional digitization projects.

Work already has begun, for example, to create a digital library of information about 1904 Ohio Wesleyan graduate Branch Rickey. As president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Rickey opened the door for Jackie Robinson to break baseball's color barrier. For his leadership, Rickey was honored as ESPN's most influential sports figure of the 20th century.

Rock Jones, Ph.D., president of Ohio Wesleyan, said the initiative to digitize and share information ties into the university's educational mission.

"Ohio Wesleyan's historical archives contain a wealth of information," Jones said. "Not only do we have information about our founding and about alumni like Branch Rickey, but we also have a Walt Whitman collection and we house the Archives of Ohio United Methodism for the East and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Digitization allows us to share this information with scholars, students, and others worldwide who may not be able to travel to Delaware, but who will benefit from access to these documents."

GREEN NEWS

Albion Steps into Sustainability with a Green Fair

In October, Albion College hosted a Green Fair which consisted of fun, food and environmentally-friendly activities to help reduce greenhouse gases.

Music, prizes, and freebies including canvas tote bags, t-shirts and other reusable items were offered to participants.

Other activities included a "sustainable cook-off" in which chefs received points for using locally-grown and organic ingredients, bike races with differently-inflated tires and a "make your own" nontoxic household cleaner event were just a few of the festivities. Infor-

mation tables were stocked with various items from recycling to biodegradable shampoo. Local bands entertained guests as well.

"Thirty years ago, pollution was the big environmental focus. Today, it's climate change," noted Douglas White, associate director of the College's Institute for the Study of the Environment. "We want to teach everyone in Albion about how to live more sustainably, to reduce global carbon dioxide."



DePauw Signs Presidents Climate Commitment

For more information on the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment visit:

<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>

To Learn more about DePauw University's sustainability efforts visit:

<http://www.depauw.edu>

DePauw University joins other GLCA schools, Albion College, Allegheny College, Antioch College, Kalamazoo College and Oberlin University in signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. By signing the commitment, DePauw joins 575 college and university presidents and chancellors across America who are pledging to neutralize the greenhouse gas emissions of their institutions and make environment awareness a key component of campus life.

DePauw will develop a plan for implementing the pledge and present it to the community by December 1, 2008. One of the charges will be specifically to see how the University's academic program can support and can be enriched by the University's sustainability efforts.

Signing the pledge further commits DePauw to enhancing the work it has done in recent years to be a place that finds innovative ways to reduce the strain it puts on Earth's resources. And it will also enhance its already rich discussions of environment issues and problem-solving throughout the University's academic life.



DePauw President Casey signs Presidents Climate Commitment

Oberlin & Ohio: Green & Growing Conference

Local, regional, and state leaders met Friday, October 10 in Oberlin for a conference to discuss what cities across Northeast Ohio are doing – and plan on doing – to address climate change and create new economic opportunities.

The City of Oberlin, Oberlin College, the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), and Metropolitan Architecture Studio hosted the conference, titled “Ohio: Green & Growing—Local Governments Fostering Economic Development and Sustainability,” for individuals engaged and interested in government, education, economic development, and sustainability.

Sessions were held on Oberlin's campus from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Experts from a wide range of Ohio local, regional, and state organizations and agencies shared success stories on “Local Government Initiatives” and “Economic Development” panels, and facilitated afternoon workshops aimed at brainstorming solutions in large and small cities. The conference included a tour of the College's Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies, an innovative and functional model of sustainable architecture.

David Orr and David Beach discussed the context of climate change in Northeast Ohio in the opening plenary addresses. Orr, Paul Sears Professor of Environmental Studies at Oberlin and an internationally recognized expert on sustainability issues, connected the global issue of climate disruption with local solutions.

Beach, Director of the GreenCityBlueLake Institute, discussed the region's carbon footprint and developing transition plans for the major sectors of greenhouse gas emissions, including buildings, transportation, and power generation.

Brad Whitehead, President of the Fund for Our Economic Future, a non-profit organization which promotes sustainable economic growth in Northeast Ohio, delivered the afternoon keynote address.

“‘Ohio: Green & Growing’ built on the climate change symposium held at Oberlin in early 2008,” says John Petersen, Chair of the College's Environmental Studies Program. “Its aim was to galvanize interest in addressing climate change among a broad group of stakeholders that included educational institutions and the public and private sector.”

Oberlin & Ohio: Green & Growing Conference *continued*

“Local governments are on the front lines of combating climate change as they work towards dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while simultaneously pursuing robust economic growth,” says Oberlin President Marvin Krislov and City Council President David Sonner. “The conference goals were to share local, regional and statewide sustainability best practices, to connect economic development ventures with Ohio sustainability opportunities, and to brainstorm and learn how to apply conference ideas within attendees’ local communities.”

In addition to Sonner, panelists included ICLEI Midwest Regional Director Amy Malick; Cleveland Sustainability Director Andrew Waterson; Brad Beckert of the City of Akron engineering department; Jennifer Ruggles, regional economic development director for Ohio’s Department of Development; Sherry Hubbard of Ohio Department of Development’s Energy Office; Stephanie Strong of Cleveland’s Entrepreneurs for Sustainability; Michael Hynds of Metropolitan Architecture Studio, a Cleveland design firm that specializes in sustainable design, carbon neutral buildings, high performance buildings, historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

Oberlin Earns Highest Grade on Green Report Card

Oberlin College is 1 of just 15 schools to achieve the highest grade of A- on the new College Sustainability Report Card 2009, announced Mark Orłowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, the Report Card’s publisher. Founded in 2005, the institute is a special project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. Oberlin received a B+ on the 2008 report card.

Oberlin received a grade of A in seven categories -- administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, investment priorities and shareholder engagement—and Bs in only two -- transportation and endowment transparency. View the full Oberlin profile at <http://greenreportcard.org/report-card-2009/schools/oberlin-college>.

The average grade for all schools surveyed was C+, with more than 75 percent of colleges and universities earning sustainability grades in the B and C range.

“Oberlin’s commitment to environmental sustainability has been strengthening for many years, and our 2009 College Sustainability Report Card Grade is a testament to this fact,” says Nathan Engstrom, coordinator of Oberlin’s Office of Sustainability. “Being one of only 15 schools in the country and the only school in Ohio to earn their highest grade of A- is wonderful news and comes at a time when

Oberlin is making exciting plans for its future that will strengthen our position even more.”

“Over the next year we’ll be developing a Climate Action Plan and setting a target date for carbon neutrality as part of our participation in the Presidents Climate Commitment,” Engstrom points out. “As part of this climate action planning process, we’ll be looking at possibilities for heating our campus with low or no-carbon fuel, developing and implementing a comprehensive energy management plan, and working with the city to investigate opportunities for purchasing or perhaps even generating additional renewable energy. We’ll also look more closely at our transportation policies, begin finding ways to decrease the number of cars on campus, and offer incentives to people to walk and bike more.”

Budget-breaking energy costs combined with growing student activism are boosting the appeal of sustainability initiatives on college campuses across the country. The interactive GreenReportCard.org web site reveals that two out of three schools have improved their grades from last year in the new College Sustainability Report Card 2009.

“The College Sustainability Report Card is the only independent evaluation of sustainability in campus operations and endowment investments, and it has the highest response rate of any college sustainability ranking or rating.”

Oberlin Earns Highest Grade on Green Report Card *continued*

said Orlowski. "We had 290 of 300 schools (97 percent) respond to at least one of the three Report Card surveys. Many are taking pride in greener campuses and sustainability savvy investments."

"Making a commitment to sustainability, ranging from local food sourcing to renewable energy investments, is no longer a priority of only environmentalists," said Orlowski. "Such inno-

ventions are capturing the attention of everyone, from college trustees to admissions applicants."

Sixty-three percent of 10,300 college applicants recently polled by the Princeton Review said that a college's commitment to the environment could affect their decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denison University hosted "Metamorphosis: Growing through Networking," a day long conference for academic secretaries on October 3, 2008. Sixty nine secretaries from seven GLCA schools (Denison, DePauw, Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Wabash, and Wooster) registered to attend.

The role of the academic secretary is very complex. As universities evolve and the needs of faculty members and students change, so do the responsibilities of an academic secretary. The purpose of this conference was to network and develop relationships with fellow GLCA-school academic secretaries and to provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of a role that is constantly undergoing metamorphosis. The conference provided an opportunity to get motivated, network, develop friendships, and discuss issues that affect academic secretaries.

After introductions from the Planning Committee and Dr. Brad Bateman, Provost of Denison University, Dr. Laurel Kennedy, Director of the Alford Center for Service Learning and Professor of Communication, presented "Metamorphosis: How We Help Each Other Achieve Our Best." Professor Kennedy discussed ambition in women's changing lives and the importance of accepting praise and supporting each other.

Following a networking lunch and optional chair massages, Professor of Psychology Sarah Hutson-Comeaux presented "Recipe for Success: Getting the Right Mix when Working

with others." Dr. Hutson-Comeaux discussed different personality types and how they affect ones ability to get a job done.

In the afternoon, participants had a choice of three breakout sessions; each session dealt with a different issue of importance to working women. The three sessions included: "Bring Home the Steak, not the Bacon: Women and Finance," presented by Kristy Breidenbach of TIAA-CREF, "Technology in an Ever-Changing World" with Anne Crowley, Instructional Technologist from Denison, and "It's a Set-Up: Ergonomic Workstations" with Stephanie Agosta, Denison's Wellness Coordinator.

The conference ended with facilitated networking sessions. Secretaries divided by division: Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Interdisciplinary. These sessions provided an opportunity for secretaries to deal with issues specific to their division, share ideas and offer support to each other.

Casey Ross, Academic Administrative Assistant from Oberlin, summed up the conference, "The networking and sharing was energizing. Imagine, if you will, approximately 70 women talking, laughing, and learning...the camaraderie was outstanding!" Since the conference, several email messages asking for more information about programs, food service, and departments have been exchanged, thus producing an exciting forum of communication that has not existed for many years.



Participants at the 2008 Metamorphosis Conference

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More details to follow

GLCA Faculty News

Allegheny—Catharina Coenen, Biology, along with two students published a paper entitled “2,4-Diacetylphloroglucinol Alters Plant Root Development” in the October issue of the journal *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions*.

Richard Bowden, Environmental Science, was keynote speaker at Otterbein University’s Symposium on Sustainability. His presentation: “Faces of Change: Environmental Sustainability on Small College Campuses. He co-authored the paper “Sources of Long-Term Soil Organic Matter Varies by Forest Type; But How Stable Is It? presented at the Tenth North American Forest Soils Conference.

Michael Maniates, Political and Environmental Science, author of several books and essays, is quoted in the published work of Thomas Friedman’s newest book “Hot, Flat and Crowded.”

DePauw—Susan Anthony, Communication, authored “Gothic Plays and American Society, 1794-1830,” published by McFarland & Company, Inc.

Deborah Geis, English, authored “Suzan-Lori Parks” published by the University of Michigan Press.

Barbara Steinson, History, and Matthew Oware, Sociology and Anthropology were recipients of the Exemplary Teaching Award for 2008-09 given by DePauw University and the General Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church for their excellence in teaching, civility and concern for students and colleagues, and their commitment to valued centered education.

Hope—David Cunningham, Religion, authored “Christian Ethics: The End of the Law” published by Routledge (London and New York).

Susan Dunn, Nursing, won the 2008 New Investigator Award presented by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation for her research project.

Anne Larsen, French, received the 2008 “Roland Bainton Prize for Reference Works: from the 16th Century Society and Conference and is being honored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women for her book “Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: Italy, France, and England.”

Moses Lee, Chemistry, received the 2009 American Chemical Society Award for Research at an Undergraduate Institution, a national award for his mentoring of undergraduate students.

Brian Porter, Management, received the “Sharon G. Johnson Award” from the Christian Business Faculty Association in recognition of his blending of faith and learning.

Matthew Roberts, Political Science, published an article, entitled “Adventures in Podcasting” in the journal “*PS: Political Science and Politics*.”

Boyd Wilson, Religion, received the 13th Annual “Favorite Faculty/Staff Member award selected and presented by the student body.

Kalamazoo—Chris Deis, Political Science, published article titled: “‘Mad Men’ of the GOP” in the October 23 issue of *The Root*, online publication.

David Barclay, International Studies, to present the first annual Gerald R. Kleinfeld Lecture in German History at Wartburg College.

Wooster— Susan Clayton, Psychology, was selected to serve on the American Psychological Association’s Task Force on the Interface between Psychology and Global Climate Change.

Cate Fenster, Biology, won first-place in the women’s division of the 33rd Marine Corps women’s Marathon in Washington, D.C.

Annetta Jefferson, Theatre Emerita, and Lisa Watts, former editor of the College’s *Wooster* magazine, were presented with the Ohioana Library Association Award in Columbus.

In Memoriam ...

We say good-bye to a dear friend who was instrumental in the lives of students, faculty, friends, and his family.

Dr. William C. Plecher, 1948-2008, a 1970 graduate of Wabash and the LaFollette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at Wabash.



GLCA Calendar of Events 2008-2009

12/4-5/2008	Career Services Meeting	Pokagon, IN
12/8/2008	Multicultural Admissions Officers	Phone Conference
12/11-12/2008	Board of Directors Meeting	Columbus, OH
2/6-7/2009	Japan Advisory Committee	Chicago, IL
2/20-22/2009	GLCA Academic Leadership Innovation Initiative	Ann Arbor
3/5-6/2009	New York Arts Meeting	New York City, NY
3/13-14/2009	Oak Ridge Sciences Meeting	Denison
3/26-27/2009	ICEE Meeting	DePauw
3/27-28/2009	ICEE Anniversary Celebration	DePauw

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