

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Weekly Digest for the Week of November 6, 2009

Welcome to the FYE community of faculty, staff, and students dedicated to supporting our new first-year and transfer students create a more successful transition to the University of Connecticut. The Weekly Digest will publish every Friday during the Fall semester and contain details about workshops, upcoming events, tips/techniques, and other information geared to help you have the best semester possible with your FYE class. This summer we will send you a bi-weekly edition to update you prior to the semester. Information will be sent to both INTD 1800/1820 and Learning Community instructors. Comments, suggestions and constructive critique are welcomed. E-mail kevin.sullivan@uconn.edu or David.Ouimette@uconn.edu

Thoughts from the Director, David Ouimette

Next week the first-year students will begin registering for classes. Your students are eligible to enroll in an FYE INTD 1820 seminar. Please share the listing by going to the First Year Program's website: <http://web.uconn.edu/fye/INTD1820.htm> and click on the title for a flyer for a more complete description. As you look through the selections, many of the seminars focus on engaging students in the broader academic community. I find these seminars heighten students' self-awareness around important topics of making major decisions, careers and leadership. Dr. Kim Chambers continues to offer a very popular seminar **My Family Mirror** which engages students in their own family genealogy by exploring history, geography, and family studies. A new seminar on **Emotional Intelligence** is being offered by Betsy Cracco, Associate Director of Counseling and Mental Health, based on Daniel Goleman's research. We have seminars that engage students in the culinary arts, use dance to understand physics, and there's even a maritime history seminar, **Pirates of the Caribbean**. I hope you will take a few moments and share these seminars with your classes and encourage them to consider enrolling.

Please take note of a couple of new sections of the *Digest*. Melissa Foreman will be providing a brief update on our Learning Communities. There is so much happening each week that we thought we could share some highlights – if you want to know more please go to www.lc.uconn.edu and join our blog.

Also, we will begin an Instructor and Mentor spotlight so that you can get to know the various faculty, staff and students who dedicate so much of their time to our first year students.

Enjoy and have a great week.

Instructor Spotlight: Gary Lewicki

Submitted by Allie LaVista, mentor for Gary's Fall Semester FYE class

Gary Lewicki from Avon, Connecticut is an inspirational instructor for the First Year Experience, INTD 1800 class available to freshman. He is the Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Planning, Management and Institutional Research at the University of Connecticut. As one of Gary's mentors, I have never seen him without a smile. This really impacts the students and brings a great vibe into our classroom. Gary teaches two INTD 1800 classes every fall and one every spring, and continues to learn from his students. Gary believes, "The FYE experience can empower students to become much more active in shaping their college experience." He loves the interaction with each student because they are at such a fascinating point in their lives. He continues, "Their energy and curiosity is contagious and I have



enjoyed learning and laughing with them, and hopefully have been of some help to them.” As his mentor, I can confidently say Gary has helped many students through their freshman experience as well as their overall experience here at UConn.

Instructor Information

(This section will include schedules for HuskyCT training sessions and instructor workshops as well as information for planning classes)

New Guest Presentation Announcement All You Want to Know About H1N1, But Haven't Had a Chance to Ask

Dr. Mary Manton, one of the physicians at Student Health Services who is very involved with the H1N1 plans at UCONN, is interested in coming to FYE classes to discuss and answer any questions on H1N1 and its prevention, treatment, etc. Contact her by email mary.manton@uconn.edu to arrange for a presentation to your FYE class.

Continuing the Tradition: UConn Dairy Bar:

A favorite among students, instructors can take their class on a field trip to the dairy bar for ice cream and/or a tour of the facility. When planning to visit the Dairy Bar, please use the following guidelines (also found on the HuskyCT instructor site):

- Ask your students which flavor from the list on HuskyCT they would like (orders are now either a 4 oz. or 8 oz cup)
- Telephone your order to Jackie Patry or the Student Manager (6-2634 or 6-1021) with a one-week lead time. Identify yourself as an FYE instructor and give Jackie your class number and section (i.e., 1800.001)
- She will need to know your arrival date and time
- If you want a tour, you may also schedule at this time
- There is no need to stop by FYE for a voucher, it is all done electronically

Benton Museum of Art and First Year Experience

FYE Educators! Museum Tours Alert!

Many people know that the Benton Museum's budget was cut this past spring, which resulted in closing our doors to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. But, did you know that you can still schedule a tour for a Tuesday or Wednesday? We're not going to let budget cuts prevent us from what we do best, introducing students to art! Tour hours are still 10:00 – 3:30, Tuesday through Friday and 1:00 -4:00 on weekends. If you would like a tour for your group, please see information below.

Tracy Lawlor, Education Coordinator
phone 486-1711
e-mail tracy.lawlor@uconn.edu.

Tour requests may also be made by going to our website www.thebenton.org and click on *Education*.

Learning Community Updates

from Melissa Foreman

Follow the new Learning Community Blog (<http://uconnLC.blogspot.com>) and Facebook fan page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Storrs-CT/UConn-Learning-Communities/137446392338?ref=ts>).

If you would like to contribute articles for the blog highlighting services or opportunities offered by your office, or event announcements for the Facebook page, contact Melissa.Foreman@uconn.edu.

Spring '10 LC Classes

Students have been pre-enrolled in INTD 3984 sections. We will also pre-enroll students in all INTD 1810 and INTD 1998 (except for Public Health 1998s) sections soon. Please announce that students need to work their schedules around these classes, and they should not drop them! They may need to explain the classes are required for their LC to their Advisors – some Advisors may not realize this.

LC Recruitment

Current Student LC Recruitment has started for those on campus who will return as sophomores, juniors and seniors for 2010-11. Students can apply for LCs from 12/4/09 to 01/25/10. They first submit their Housing Application, and then they submit a LC application (<http://www.LC.uconn.edu>, click "Apply"). Please make announcements in your classes, and encourage students you know to consider the Learning Community experience!

What will be new in 2010-11?

- Leadership will become multi-year
- Social Justice will turn into a non-residential Learning Community
- Two new LCs will open for newly admitted students only:
Business Connections (for 1st-year admitted business majors) and
Exploratory Majors (an ACES & Career Services partnership for 1st-year exploratory majors)

Special Events

(This section will include events in September and early October that students can attend for the Writing Assignment or personal enrichment.)

November 3-December 4

- **[Futurescape: Making of the Super City, Art Exhibit](#)**
With the invention of the camera, the need for artists to copy nature blindly and to hold on to the traditional techniques of painting perspective became redundant. Artists were freed to fracture objects into geometric forms and present subjects from several angles and different moments in time. What unites the paintings in Futurescape is the artists' ability to blur the lines between figuration and abstraction, and collapse art history with references ranging from early Modernism to Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art. They employ surprising overlapping, multiple layering, and unexpected vanishing points. The exhibition reveals that artists are again interested in the dynamism and conditions found in today's urban environments and that they are exploring and finding new ways to compress and expand time and space. This is the focus of Futurescape. Artists include: Thomas Eggerer, Jules de Balincourt, Francesca DiMattio, Yoon Lee, Benjamin Edwards, Nicola López. Jacob Feige and Tomory Dodge.
Art Building, Contemporary Art Gallery, M-F, 10 am to 4 pm. Free

November 7

- **Bruckner Orchestra of Linz, Classical Music**
The Bruckner Orchestra, conducted by Dennis Russell Davies, has become one of Central Europe's leading orchestras. Fluent in both classical and contemporary genres, the orchestra will present a full evening of music by the quintessential 20th-century urban American composer, Leonard Bernstein.
Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 8 P.M., UConn Student Hot Seats \$7 with valid student ID.

November 10

- [India Studies Lecture](#)
"Squaring the Circle: Exploring Indian and Jewish Concepts of Sacred Space."
Robert Kirschbaum, Professor of Art, Trinity College.
Sponsored by India studies, the Department of Art and Art History and Judaic Studies.
Art Building 107, 3:30 P.M.
- **Human Rights Film Series: *Human Rights in the USA Ask Not* (2008)**
Examines the military policy "Don't Ask Don't Tell," which has resulted in the discharge of thousands of gay and lesbian member of the US armed forces.
Dodd Research Center, Konover Auditorium, 4 P.M.
- **UConn's Alliance: Breaking Cultural Stigmas**
Join the African American Cultural Center (AACC) in breaking cultural stigmas made by society (media, politics, and history). The Cultural Center Coalition will participate in engaging students to think about the past and analyze why cultural myths still exist today.
Student Union 407, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Free
- **Don't Get Sick!**
Health Care Panel, Dr. Saeed Ahghari, MD; Thomas Buckley, Pharmacy; Dennis Heffley, Economics; and Lynne Ide, Universal Health Care Foundation of CT
Join the conversation about Healthcare Reform in the United States. This discussion panel will give everyone a chance to ask questions and discuss the challenges of healthcare with leaders in the industry.
Dodd Research Center, Konover Auditorium, 7:30 P.M. FREE WINGS for all!

November 11

- ***Don't Ask, Don't Tell: Presentation of Policy, Lecture***
The Rainbow Center's Out to Lunch Lecture Series continues the semester with a presentation by LTC Colonel Christine Harvey. She will provide the legal definition of the current policy as well as the three categories that the policy considers "telling."
Student Union 403, Rainbow Center, 12-1:30 P.M. Free

November 12

- ***Social Network Approaches to HIV Prevention, CHIP Lecture Series***
By Carl Latkin, Professor at the Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health
HIV prevention and care among disadvantaged populations, domestic and international approaches to behavior change, social and personal network analysis, neighborhood factors and health behaviors, injection drug users, STIs, alcohol, harm reduction, mental health, social support, social context and risk behavior, integrating qualitative and quantitative methods.
Ryan Refectory 204, 12:30-1:30 P.M. Free

November 13

- ***The Day the Ketchup Turned Blue, Puppetry Performance***
Dan Hurlin, award-winning artist, speaks about his career and puppet performance.
Depot Campus, Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, 5 pm. Free

November 13 and 14

- ***Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Swing and Big Band Music***
Get ready to dance the night away as America's favorite contemporary little big band recreates the sound of swing from the 1940s and '50s.
Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 8 P.M., UConn Students \$10 with valid student ID.

November 16

- **India Studies Lecture**

"India: The New Rising Power"

By Dr. Ravi Ramamurti, CBA Distinguished Professor of International Business and Director, Center for Emerging Markets, Northeastern University. He is currently researching the internationalization strategies of multinationals from Emerging Market.

Co-sponsored by Center for International Business Education and Research.

Homer Babbidge Library, Class of 1947 Room, 4 P.M..

November 17

- **Pacifica Quartet, Classical Music**

Raymond and Beverly Sackler Artist-in-Residence Program for the Advancement of the Arts

Named 2009 Ensemble of the Year by Musical America, the Pacifica Quartet is recognized for its virtuosity, exuberant performance style, and often daring repertory choices. Its players are adept at split-second timing without sacrificing intricate interpretation, tonal balance, or unity of artistic purpose. The Pacifica Quartet will be joined by violinist Theodore Arm and cellist Kangho Lee. Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 7:30 P.M., UConn Student Hot Seats \$7 with valid student ID.

- **Global Citizenship in Practice--Transcending Borders Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion**

Transcending borders is the process of people crossing international boundaries, to share knowledge, culture, and engage in various endeavors from business to politics. It is what students and faculty do in practice when they conduct research, study, participate in internships, or travel abroad.

This interdisciplinary panel allows faculty and students to discuss ways in which they practice global citizenship, as they cross borders of countries, disciplines, and comfort zones.

Dodd Research Center, Konover Auditorium, 4-5:30 P.M.

November 19

- **Teale Lecture Series, Nature and the Environment**

"Coming Down to Earth: Valuing Nature to Improve Decision-Making," Dr. Stephen Polasky, Fesler-Lampert Professor of Ecological/Environmental Economics, University of Minnesota.

Dodd Research Center, Konover Auditorium, 4 P.M.

Nov 23-29: Thanksgiving Break

December 1

- **Kangho Lee, cello and Minyoung Lee, piano – Classical Music**

Formed at Yale University, the Lee duo performed extensively in North America and Europe. Cellist Kangho Lee has been a sought-after soloist and chamber musician worldwide since his orchestral debut with the Seoul Philharmonic at the age of 12. Acclaimed for her "extraordinary sensitivity" and "mesmerizing" playing by the San Francisco Classical Voice, pianist Minyoung Lee has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 7:30 P.M., UConn Student Hot Seats \$7 with valid student ID.

December 3-12

- **Connecticut Repertory Theatre: Galileo**

By Bertolt Brecht, Directed by Gary M. English

Galileo hears of a new invention, a telescope, and builds one for himself. With it, he confirms that the earth rotates around the sun. For this, he is summoned before a tribunal of the Inquisition where he is threatened with torture if he does not recant his findings. Bertolt Brecht puts the dilemma of one of history's greatest thinkers center stage.

See CRT website for ticket and performance schedule: <http://www.crt.uconn.edu/index.html>

Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts, Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre

December 4

- **Jingle Jam – A Cappella Holiday Show**

Boston's premiere group a cappella group, Five O'Clock Shadow, joins select UConn *a cappella* groups for a Holiday Jingle Jam like no other!

Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 7:30 P.M., UConn Student \$3 with valid student ID.

December 5

- **Boston Pops Winter Gala, Popular Music**

Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart, Conductor

Since its beginning in 1885, the Boston Pops has evolved into a beloved American institution.

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season as Keith Lockhart leads the Pops in their annual Holiday Concert of traditional carols and festive modern classics.

Jorgensen Center Main Stage, 7:30 P.M., no student discount: \$60, \$50, \$30