



School of Letters and Sciences

Fall 2008 Newsletter

MALS

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies



to our new Liberal Studies students

Summer 2008

Lisa Cerretto
 Kyle Poag
 Andrea Rodriguez
 Roscoe Skinner

Fall 2008

Joanna Barefoot
 Chad DeRock
 Jaimie Leonard
 Michael Zimny



NEW SEMINARS AND INSTRUCTORS

This fall, we are pleased to have Dr. Christopher Norment teaching a new natural science seminar – LST 729 Evolution, Revolution and Revelation. He is a professor of environmental science and biology at The College at Brockport and a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Norment received his PhD from the University of Kansas in 1992. His area of expertise is vertebrate ecology and conservation biology, especially as these topics relate to birds in early successional habitats in the Northeast. To his credit, he has a number of recent grants and publications which include his latest book, *Return to Warden’s Grove*.

 Joining us in spring 2009 will be Dr. Lana Barron, associate dean of enrollment management at The College at Brockport, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. She will be teaching a new social science seminar, LST 751 Contemporary Issues in Law and Literature.

Dr. Barron is no stranger to Brockport or the classroom. After receiving a BS in liberal arts here, she continued her studies by earning an MA in history and taught high school social studies for five years. In 1996 she received a JD at Syracuse University College of Law, specializing in business law. In her pursuit of lifelong learning, she has also earned an LLM in estate planning and a graduate certificate in educational administration.



Congratulations

... to our spring and summer 2008 graduates

Robert Allen	Lia Napierala
David Ciarvella	Kim Nesbitt
Angela Clark	Wendy Painting
Andrew Cripps	Paul Resch
Kimberly Duquette	Andrea Rodriguez
Gretchen Fuest	Judi Tamblin
Christopher Ieda	Lisa Tower
Teresa Morill Cline	Nick Vander Wyst
Bonnie Morrison	Keri Welling
Courtney Mosher	

Best wishes for continued success!



Have you heard???

... Our very own Antoun Davis is one of the featured students on the Brockport home page. Be sure to check it out. Way to go Antoun!

... Roscoe Skinner, recently matriculated, has been selected to receive a Graduate Diversity Fellowship. This program is extremely competitive and is in very high demand. Congratulations to Roscoe!



**LIBERAL STUDIES SEMINARS
SPRING 2009**

LST 706.61 CONTEMPORARY ASIAN-AMERICAN ART & LITERATURE (7643)

Dr. Edward Schelb

Mondays 6 – 9:15 pm MetroCenter

This course will examine issues of aesthetics, identity, politics and gender in the Asian-American literary tradition. The course includes poetry, drama, and fiction, ranging from popular novels such as Amy Tan's *Joy Luck Club* and Maxine Hong Kingston's *The Woman Warrior* to the experimental writings of John Yau. The readings will attempt to provide an overview of Asian American writing in a cultural context, presenting key debates on gender (as in the controversy between Frank Chin and Kingston), sexual orientation (in Timothy Liu's poetry), and various culture strategies of dealing with ethnic identity.

LST 721.01 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (6125)

Mr. Ted Lewis (Environmental Science & Biology, x5746)

Thursdays 6 – 9:15 pm 107 Edwards

Lecture/discussion designed to develop a responsible awareness of natural resource use and availability. Environmental perceptions will be explored and evaluated. Topics include ecology, environmental quality, agriculture, pest management, economics and waste. Real environmental problems are discussed and real solutions are sought in an interdisciplinary approach.

LST 751.61 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW AND LITERATURE (7691)

Dr. Lana Barron (REOC, 232-2730 x262)

NEW
COURSE

Tuesdays 6 – 9:15 pm MetroCenter

This course examines contemporary social issues through examination of relevant law and literature, with specific focus on the relationship between social and legal change in American society. Class sessions will survey current topics which pose significant legal challenges and inform public debate in twenty-first century America. Students will survey legal history through analysis of property, civil rights law, and medical ethics while considering concepts of social inclusion through thematic reading of popular human rights literature.

LST 797.01 PROJECT PORTFOLIO (6101)

Dr. Kulathur Rajasethupathy

(time to be arranged) Campus

Portfolio to include: (a) paper reflecting an appreciation of the three Liberal Studies perspectives (Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences) and their contributions to understanding some issue or problem in contemporary society; (b) documentation of an integrational experience leading to one's educational goals; (c) sample work from both required and elective courses. Students may not register for this course until they have completed all of the Liberal Studies degree requirements or, in exceptional cases, are concurrently registered for their final course requirements (for a maximum of 3 credits subject to approval by the Director) as specified in their Plan of Study.

NOTE: Liberal Studies prefixes

LST 700-719 Arts and Humanities seminars

LST 720-739 Natural Science seminars

LST 740-759 Social Science seminars



REMINDERS

- **PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL IS REQUIRED** for any changes you wish to make to your Plan of Study. To obtain a Course Substitution Request Form, contact the program secretary at cgiblin@brockport.edu.
- You may update e-mail, address, or phone number information through Banner. Name changes must be done directly through the Registrar's Office. If you have not yet notified us of these changes, please do so at your earliest convenience.
- **Continuous Enrollment** requires the completion of at least one graduate-level course every 12 months. Unless granted a leave of absence, students will lose matriculation status and must reapply for readmission to the program.*
- **Degree completion time limit** – Requirements need to be completed within five years of the date of matriculation. If an extension is granted and requirements are not completed by the end of the extension, students will lose matriculation status and must reapply for readmission to the program.*
- Do you expect to graduate by next summer? Then it's not too early to file a Graduate Graduation Data Card, available online at www.brockport.edu/registrar/forms/htm. For eligibility requirements and commencement information visit www.brockport.edu/commencement.

** Students will need to meet any new requirements for admission and the degree AND will lose credit for courses taken more than five years prior to the new matriculation date.*

Additional Information...

Any changes to scheduled classes will always be posted online in Banner.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE FALL SEMESTER!



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