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New Minor in Sustainability Studies

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new minor in sustainability studies. For more information, please visit <http://lic.concordia.ca/>



Dear LIC Students, Faculty and Friends,

While Rosemary Schade is on a well-deserved sabbatical leave during the 2011-12 academic year, we will do our best to serve the College as Acting Co-Principals. Our main goal is to maintain what Rosemarie has achieved through her hard work and enthusiasm over the past seven years: a college known for academic achievement and a sense of community. The coming year promises to be an exciting one. The Minor in Diversity has attracted unprecedented interest from students and we are now accepting students in the new Minor in Sustainability. The new minor will be the first step in building a truly interdisciplinary curriculum of sustainability within the Faculty. It will provide the academic excellence to complement the passion and activism of our students. As in past years, the College will host a number of events, the highlight of which is the Siena Conference. To celebrate the arrival of the new minor, the theme of the 2012 conference, a 20-year retrospective on the Rio Conference, will bring students from both programs together. We look forward to meeting you all this year.

Sincerely,

Bill Bukowski and Jim Grant

For those who wish to visit the office (e.g. academic advising), we recommend that you call to schedule an appointment. Be aware that if you choose to simply drop-in, we cannot guarantee our availabilities.

NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations to Didier Morelli, winner of the LIC Academic Achievement Award as well as Jessica Sypher and Curtis McKinney, co-winners of the LIC Global Citizenship Award! The LIC Academic Achievement Award is given to the graduating student with the highest GPA while the LIC Global Citizenship Award is presented to students with a high involvement level at the college.

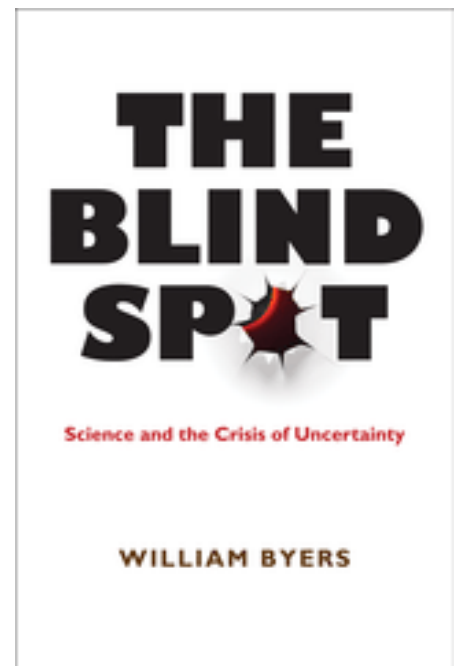
Welcome Wine & Cheese

We will be hosting a “Welcome Wine and Cheese” on Friday, September 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for LIC students to mingle and meet their peers, as well as faculty and staff. The event will be hosted at Dr. Bukowski’s home located in NDG close to the Loyola Campus. Please RSVP before Friday, September 9, 2011. This is an internal event opened to LIC students, faculty and friends of the college.

Book Launch

We are pleased to invite you to the book launch of “The Blind Spot: Science and the Crisis of Uncertainty” by William Byers. This event will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Burritoville (2055 Bishop Street). A professor emeritus from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Concordia University, Byers proposes a different way of thinking about the nature of science, one that emphasizes uncertainty, ambiguity, and creativity. It is a sequel to his well-received first book (also from Princeton) "How Mathematicians Think: Using Ambiguity, Contradiction, and Paradox to Create Mathematics."

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 20, 2011.



Cooking with the Profs

The second “Cooking with the Profs” will be hosted by Anna-Liisa Aunio at her home (close to Sherbrooke metro) on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (right after Open House). Please RSVP between October 8th and October 16th as space is limited. This is an internal event opened to LIC students, faculty and friends of the college.

Balance-Unbalance Conference

Jim Grant and Bill Bukowski are pleased to announce that Loyola International College will participate in the Balance-Unbalance Conference which will be held at the SGW Campus of Concordia University on November 4 and 5, 2011. Several of LIC's faculty and fellows of the college will be presenting at a panel titled "The Many Voices of Sustainability" Details will be posted on our website in October.

LIC-Siena Conference

The 7th Concordia-Siena Globalization Conference titled "Sustainability: Rio + 20" will take place in Montreal on March 30 and 31, 2012. This year, students and faculty will try to answer the following question: "What kind of progress or lack thereof has been made since the Rio Conference of 1992?"

Students wishing to present a paper at the conference must submit both a hard copy (AD-502) and an electronic copy (loyolaic@alcor.concordia.ca) of their work by February 24, 2012. The best papers will be chosen by mid-March and selected students will get the opportunity to present their work during the conference.

A Few Words from LICSA

Another school year begins and as we exchange our bathing suits and towels for books and sweaters we can be confident good times won't be exchanged too. Loyola International College Student Association (LISCA) has made sure of this, offering events and activities to help new and seasoned students become more involved with the Association. As well as helping the LISCA team to make the events more successful by providing the team with your individual perspective and experience, these events also provide you, the LISCA team, and fellow students, and professors, with opportunities to get to know each other outside of the classroom.

Beginning a new program and getting to know new people can be intimidating, and we all know that school is far more enjoyable when we enjoy being with our classmates. LICSA understands this and strives to help each student new, and old, adjust to their new surroundings as seamlessly as possible, and to have some fun while doing it. And, this I can say from experience. With this being my first semester with primarily Loyola courses and my first semester with the LICSA team I can say that it was daunting at first. The LICSA team however, has helped me feel involved every step of the way. And now it is your turn!

We hope you will be joining us at our annual Wine and Cheese, as well as this year's book launch. Join us for these and everything from Cooking with the Profs, to our Bake Sales. We look forward to working with you, and hope that you can help us make this year the best year at Loyola International College.

See you soon,

Schareen Maher, VP Communications

Peace and Conflict Away from Home

By Adan E. Suazo

(BA Political Science, Minor in Diversity and the Contemporary World)

Moving far away is something I have been doing for as long as I can remember. I met new people as regularly as I bid them farewell, and I thought that moving to Sweden would entail a similar experience. I was wrong. In June 2010, I decided to take the next big step and moved to Uppsala, Sweden to begin my Master's in Politics and International Studies with a Specialization in Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University. For many years, I was attracted to the speeches and texts of people like Dag Hammarskjöld and Folke Bernadotte and knew that moving to Sweden to study the complexities of conflict resolution would be an inspiring experience.

Upon my arrival to Sweden, I immediately noticed the many cultural differences. Even though Uppsala is a fairly small town, I was able to learn a lot about Swedish customs and traditions. I will never forget my first day at Uppsala University, where, by accident, I addressed a senior professor of the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies as Dr. Mangos (his real name is Magnus). At the moment I was in shock and couldn't believe how I had managed to put my foot in my mouth in such a clumsy way, but the professor found it hilarious. I guess that was the start of my fairly relaxed and memorable relationship with



professors at the University, and with Swedes in general. Coping with other cultures has the innate prize of developing wonderful friendships, and this was definitely true in my case.

During my time at Loyola International College I was witness to many students' desire to travel and the many doubts that surround such a project. My advice to them would be to put those doubts aside and do it. As Concordia students, we are lucky to have

departments like Concordia International to help us to get to know the world while experiencing other academic cultures. I learned more than just about conflict resolution during my time in Sweden. I grew up as an individual and I learned to appreciate the benefits of home along with the places and people I hold dear.