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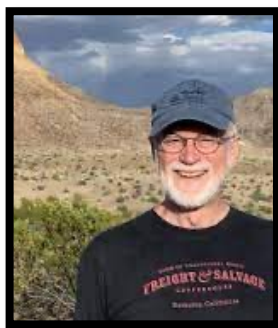
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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE MLS OFFICE

What a wonderful time of year! As the leaves start to turn, Lake Forest College is in full swing with new first year students and many familiar faces. The MLS Program continues to provide compelling seminars that deal with current issues, as is evident by our latest course, **MLS 514 Public Policy & The Environment**.



The course, taught by Professor W. Rand Smith, Lake Forest College Professor of Politics, Emeritus, started in mid September with a class enrollment of eighteen students. The seminar examines the historical background of current environmental issues, the relationship of humankind and the natural world, environmental and political implications of global energy supplies and renewable energy sources, reconciling environmental goals with other social goals such as economic growth, analysis of the consequences of population growth, and the dangers of climate change. The class is filled with a myriad of different students that assess the Environment through their own unique perspectives.

We are grateful to have Professor Smith come out of retirement to teach this course. His areas of specialty are in Comparative Political Economy of Advanced Industrial States and Energy and Environmental Policy, and his heartfelt concern for climate change issues is an enormous asset to the class.

We've added some new sections to the newsletter this Fall. Please make sure to read about our current student workers, who were a great help in assembling and mailing this newsletter. Additionally, we are sharing news of the Spring seminar that may be of interest to MLS graduates, as we know that lifelong learning has always been one of your strongest attributes. We hope you will pass along the news to people you think might be interested.

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CHANGES IN THE MLS DEPARTMENT



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR, DR. CYNTHIA HAHN

Dr. Cynthia Hahn, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, is a Professor of French, and also teaches Francophone language, literatures and cultures, cinema, translation, business French and creative writing. She came to Lake Forest College in 1990 and served as Associate Dean of Faculty for three years.

Professor Hahn obtained a doctorate in francophone literatures from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, with a specialization in Canadian literature in French. Her publications include articles on Canadian, Tunisian and Lebanese authors, and aspects of translation studies, as well as a dozen literary translations of novels by Algerian, French and Lebanese authors, and two chapbooks of original poetry in English and French. She is a member of two area writing groups, and is also an avid musician, playing bass ukulele in the College's band, Fast and Cheap, and West African drums in the drumming group Diamana Diya. As the new Chair of the MLS program, she is excited by the opportunity to get to know students in the program and work with Carol Gayle and MLS faculty on shaping the MLS program moving forward

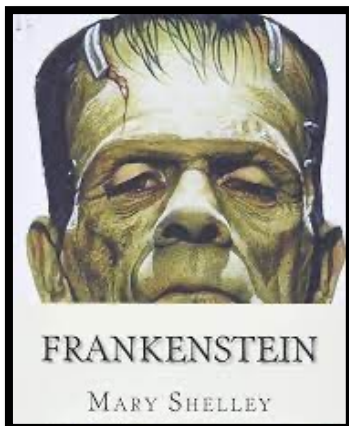
MLS 2023 FALL RECEPTION

Please mark your calendar for this year's Fall Reception, which will be held on Monday, October 23rd, 2023. If you haven't joined us for a gathering recently, we would love to see you! The evening will be filled with food, drinks, and of course, good conversation. Please RSVP by October 18th to jmarkee@lakeforest.edu if you plan to attend.



IT'S ALIVE!

Spring 2024 Seminar: MLS 548 Romanticism: Self and Society



In the Spring, our MLS seminar offering will be **Romanticism: Self and Society (MLS 548)**, taught by Professor Robert Archambeau, Lake Forest College Professor of English. The seminar focuses on the Romantic era (ca. 1780-1830), a period of revolutionary change in politics, literature, music, and the visual arts. It examines the evolving relation of self and society through five transformational decades of modern European history. Discussions will focus on the works of a number of major texts and figures including Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, and works by Schiller, Keats, Burke, and Beethoven. **If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who may be interested, please call the MLS office at 847-735-5083 for more information.**

MLS SPRING 2023 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES

Congratulations to our newest MLS graduates, **Beth Bower**, **Matt Kohn**, and **Jill Muck**. We had a wonderful time celebrating their academic success on May 11, 2023 at the MLS Hooding Ceremony at Glen Rowan House. We were delighted that so many of their friends and family joined us for the event.

During the Hooding Ceremony, we also took the opportunity to thank Dan L. LeMahieu, our outgoing MLS Director and retiring Lake Forest College Professor of History. We wish Dan all the best as he embraces retirement and all that it has to offer.



Photos L to R: 1) Professor Rand Smith and MLS Associate Director Carol Gayle; 2) MLS Student Ginny Premack; 3) Departing MLS Director Dan LeMahieu, MLS graduates Jill Muck, Matt Kohn, and Beth Bower, Carol Gayle; 4) Jill Muck and her family; 5) Dan LeMahieu

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lake Forest College is committed to offering community engagement that is both insightful and adds value to the residents of Lake Forest and the North Shore. The MLS program and the Community Education department often work hand-in-hand to offer non-traditional students educational outlets. This year, the Community Education department continues to work with local residents who wish to audit classes at Lake Forest College. Auditing allows for a student to sit in on lectures and read the materials, without the stress of completing assignments.

Another program offered by the Community Education department is our very popular writing seminar, *Writing by the Lake*. These small-group seminars meet on the Lake Forest College campus for four two-hour sessions and are taught by Lake College professors. Offering a supportive environment of fellow students honing their craft, the WBL courses also include an individual end-of-term writing evaluation and a "Next Steps" meeting with the course professor. We expect to offer one or two WBL courses in Spring 2024. To learn more about Writing by the Lake, visit our website at: <https://www.lakeforest.edu/community/writing-by-the-lake>

For many years, the Community Education department has offered programming for residents at Lake Forest Place. Three times a year, Lake Forest College professors lead short courses on fascinating topics related to literature, current events, history, world politics and the arts.

If you would like more information about the office of Community Education, please visit our website at: <https://www.lakeforest.edu/community/adult-and-community-education> or contact us at 847-735-5083.

MEET THE MLS STUDENT WORKERS

SHAHEEN

My name is Shaheen Haji. I am originally from Zanzibar, Tanzania. I belong to the class of 2025 and am presently pursuing a major in Economics and Data Science. My aspiration is to venture into the financial sector. One aspect I cherish about Lake Forest College is the warm and attentive cafeteria staff who consistently inquire about my day. And oh, Lake Michigan! It's like a mini-Zanzibar, giving me a comforting reminder of home – no ocean, but hey, we take what we can get!

JUAN DIEGO

I'm from Ecuador and will be graduating in 2025. I'm majoring in Economics with a concentration in Finance, and my goal is to work in the finance industry after graduation. What I really like about Lake Forest College is how diverse it is, both in terms of the students and the faculty. This diversity creates a welcoming and inclusive environment that adds a lot to my college experience.

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We always enjoy hearing from our alumni. If you have recently had a milestone in your life, have changed addresses, or would just like to reach out and reconnect, please contact us via email at jmarkee@lakeforest.edu or phone at 847-735-5083.

