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"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."

-Maya Angelou

WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER

What an exciting time to be part of the MLS program! This semester's seminar offering, **Existentialism and Its Discontents**, is in full swing with a class enrollment of thirteen students. Carla Arnell from the English Department is teaching the class, along with faculty guests Chad McCracken (Philosophy and Politics) and Dan LeMahieu (History). This seminar is a combination of literature, philosophy and politics and has already produced some lively class discussions.

As the new editor of the MLS Newsletter, I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Joy Markee and I was hired to fill Donna Klein's shoes upon her retirement. I am excited to be a part of the Lake Forest College community! I have degrees in marketing and business, although for the past two decades, my primary focus has been raising my three children. I reside in Lake Bluff, IL and have been an active volunteer in that community for over ten years. Please do not hesitate to contact me at jmarkee@lakeforest.edu or 847-735-5083 if you have any questions about the MLS program or news about yourself to share.

GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

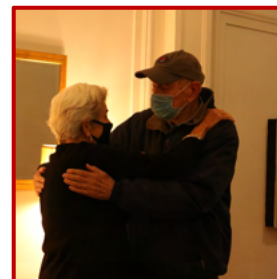
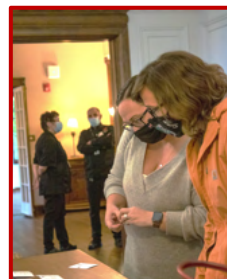
Three students will graduate from the MLS program this year: **Kyle Naughton, Katherine Swee, and Kara Tumminello**. We hope you can join us for their Hooding Ceremony at Glen Rowan, where the graduates will receive their hoods and we congratulate them on their achievements. Details are below:

Save the Date!
MLS Hooding Ceremony & Graduate Reception
May 6, 2022; 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Glen Rowan House at Lake Forest College

MLS PROGRAM NEWS

FALL 2021 SOCIAL

We were so grateful to gather this past Fall at Glen Rowan for our annual Fall Social. This event brings together MLS graduates and faculty, along with current MLS students for an evening of enjoyable discussion. It was wonderful to see everyone together again, given all the obstacles we have faced in the past two years.



MLS PROGRAM NEWS (CON'T)

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the MLS seminars for 2022-2023. The Fall 2022 seminar is entitled ***Ways of Knowing (MLS 524)***. This seminar deals with how academic disciplines approach the world in different ways. It will explore several ways in which we can know and understand the world, concentrating on the scientific, the historical and the literary. The course will be taught by Professor Siobhan Moroney of Politics, who will be joined by several guest professors.

In Spring of 2023, our seminar offering will be ***Religion: An Interdisciplinary Approach (MLS 546)***. This seminar explores what religion is, what it may look like in the future and how it interacts with our psychological, sociological and cultural lives. This seminar will be led by Professor Ahmad Sadri and will weave together the perspectives of theologians, philosophers, psychologists, social scientists, writers and artists.

THE MLS PROGRAM AND A LOVE OF LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The MLS program prides itself on working with adult students who seek life-long learning. This month, we heard from **Raelene Bowman '99**, who is engaged in writing an autobiography which she intends to share with her family. Raelene says that reviewing her personal journals from as far back as 1980 reminded her of how much she enjoyed the MLS program and appreciated her professors.

The MLS program is a rewarding way to continue learning. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in returning to school, please tell them about the MLS program and pass along our email mls@lakeforest.edu, as we would love to speak with them.

MLS CIVICS PROGRAM

Do you know a high school teacher who teaches Civics? The MLS program has designed a special series of graduate courses to help teachers respond to the new State of Illinois civics requirement for high school students. The curriculum is offered through the MLS program at Lake Forest College. You can find more information on the Lake Forest College website, under ***Civics Programs for Teachers***.

Anne Brandt '97 wrote to us with this update: Twenty-five years ago this Spring, Lynne Samuels and I graduated from the MLS Program. The two of us constituted the MLS Class of 1997. Now, a quarter of a century later, I remember with pleasure the program's interdisciplinary seminars and the professors who taught them, especially Arthur Zilversmit, who recruited me into the program in the late 1980s. Carol Gayle worked with me on my Final Project about the preservation of Architect David Adler's home in Libertyville, and she and I have kept in touch over the years. From her I learned the sad news of Art Zilversmit's death in 2005 and the happier news that Arthur Miller, long-time head librarian has retired, continuing to devote himself to fostering historic preservation in Lake Forest. I have nothing but the greatest regard for all the MLS professors -- and for the students who have passed through the MLS program.

Ian Brown '09, the VP for Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging at Erickson Senior Living, has just been honored by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for his leadership in transforming LGBTQ eldercare, his board service at SAGE and his service on the Carey Business School Dean Alumni Advisory Board. Congratulations, Ian!

Looking for a good read? **Anita Cukier '99** has published a book about how her family left Poland to escape repression. The book is entitled *Castles in the Sky*, and is available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com.

Congratulations to **Jordan Flesch Weber '15 and Shauna Flesch Choate '15**! Both sisters have taken new jobs at Baxter Healthcare after twelve years with Snap-on Credit. Jordan is now working as a Senior Analyst in the Renal division of Baxter Business Operations. Shauna is also a Senior Analyst, but focused on Incentive Compensation in the Baxter Business Operations division.

Darrell Woodard '09 writes to us from Pittsburgh, PA, where he's the minister of the McKeesport Church of Christ, a World History teacher at the Pittsburgh Urban Christian School and a part-time counselor with Christian Counseling Associates of Western Pennsylvania. In 2019, he founded www.read4peace.org, a non-profit that promotes balanced-literacy and PEACE (Promoting Equitable Accessible Community Education) while giving back to the community.

Lynn Wassmer '06 touched base to let us know that she has been working at Underwriter's Laboratories UL for the past three years as a paid social marketer for the customer operating units. Her position includes creating social marketing strategies and managing global campaigns on the LinkedIn paid advertising platform.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Whether you donate to the MLS program, tell a friend about us or highlight us on your social media accounts, we want to thank you for your support. For those of you who contributed to the MLS Annual Fund this year, we appreciate your generosity. Your donations keep tuition costs low and help to continue our interdisciplinary emphasis in the program.

If you would like to donate to the MLS program, online donations can be made through our webpage or by clicking [here](#).

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All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for considering the MLS program; your donations and support are greatly appreciated!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you did not receive an alumni survey by email in February, it is because we do not have your current email address. Would you share it with us? Just send an email to me at jmarkee@lakeforest.edu and I'll add it to our mailing list. Also, remember to follow us and share your thoughts with us on Facebook.

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