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“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”
- John Dewey

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MLS SEMINAR UPDATES

Spring 2023 MLS Seminar

What an exciting time to be part of the MLS program! This semester's seminar offering, [Religion: An Interdisciplinary Approach](#), is in full swing with a class enrollment of sixteen students. Ahmad Sadri, Gorter Professor of Islamic World Studies and Professor of Sociology, is teaching the class, with visits by several colleagues. This seminar examines what religion is and how it interacts with other facets of our psychological, sociological, and cultural life. The class also examines the role of religion in different societies and what it may look like in the future.

Coming Soon: Fall 2023 MLS Seminar

In the Fall, our MLS seminar offering will be [Public Policy and the Environment \(MLS 514\)](#) and will be taught by W. Rand Smith, Lake Forest College Professor of Politics, Emeritus. The seminar examines the historical background of current environmental issues, alternative ways of conceiving of the relationship of humankind and the natural world, environmental and political implications of global energy supplies and renewable energy sources, the need to reconcile environmental goals with other social goals such as economic growth, analysis of the consequences of population growth, and the dangers of climate change.



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MLS SPRING 2023 GRADUATES

SAVE THE DATE!

This year, we have three students who will be graduating from the Master of Liberal Studies program. Please join us in celebrating **Beth Bower**, **Matt Kohn**, and **Jill Muck** on Friday, May 12th, 2023 from 5:30pm-7:00pm at Glen Rowan House, as we acknowledge their hard work and academic success.



MLS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

YUHAN XU '11 AND HUI LIN '11

Yuhan, Hui and their dog, Frankie, recently welcomed a baby boy, Peizhe (also called Brooks), into their family and are looking forward to traveling internationally again after the long COVID-19 lockdown in Shanghai.

Yuhan writes, "We're very grateful for the education we received at Lake Forest College, as it was an eye-opening experience and certainly prepared us well for our future careers. I have been working with NYU's Shanghai campus as the media relations manager for three years now, while Hui works as the news producer at Danish Broadcasting Corporation."



MLS FALL RECEPTION

On October 22nd, current students and alumni of the MLS program gathered at Glen Rowan House to mingle and share stories. We had a special guest that evening, as our new Lake Forest College president, Dr. Jill M. Baren, stopped by to say hello.



Please mark your calendar for this year's Fall Reception, which will be held on **Monday, October 23rd, 2023**. All MLS alumni and students are welcome.