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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

**Today's Headlines**

**November 20, 2020**

### **LindenGiving - 100 Thanksgiving Meals**

LindenGiving is our new community outreach endeavor comprising various initiatives throughout the year. For our first initiative, Lindenwood is contributing 100 Thanksgiving meals to local families.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with meal delivery or pick up tomorrow, or wish to make a financial contribution, please contact Amanda Hyde at [ahyde@lindenwood.edu](mailto:ahyde@lindenwood.edu) or 636-949-4908.

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### **Department of Social Services Appointments Available**

Appointments with the Department of Social Services are now available on Fridays for students, faculty, and staff in the Student Counseling & Resource Center! The Department of Social Services offers support in a variety of areas such as health care, food assistance, child care, temporary cash assistance for needy families, nursing home care, support for the blind/visually impaired, child support, and more! If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please call the SCRC at 636-949-4541.

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### **Fall Play Fest 2020**



The Lindenwood Theatre Department in collaboration with First Run Theatre presents Fall Play Fest 2020.

Watch FREE ONLINE Dec. 4 - 5  
TALKBACK Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

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## Cohen Interviewed about his Book

Ted Cohen, associate professor of history, was recently interviewed by the Texas Standard, a public radio station based out of Austin, Texas, about his book, [Finding Afro-Mexico: Race and Nation after the Revolution](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Joy Diaz asked to interview Cohen about his book because she wanted to tell her listeners about Mexico's African heritage, an unfamiliar topic to many people in Mexico and the United States.

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## Photo Exhibition Reclaiming Gaia Opens Sunday in St. Louis



Artists can help us move beyond the grip of a problem and see beauty in peril. Please join Lindenwood Photography Professor Jenny Kettler for the opening of her exhibition Reclaiming Gaia on Sunday, Nov.

22, 3 - 5 p.m. at Stone Spiral Gallery in St. Louis, Mo. Artist talks every half hour. Her exhibition shows plastic bags caught in trees and bushes fluttering like tattered veils, photo transfers on rice paper, cyanotype rain impressions and even a photograph buried in Forest Park for a year! Critics describe her work as hauntingly beautiful and an archeological quest for environmental justice.

This event is capacity controlled with no more than 8 people in the gallery at a time, masks required and social distancing. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit runs Nov. 22 - Dec. 29. To view Kettler's new work visit Stone Spiral Gallery, 2506 Sutton Blvd, on Sunday, Nov. 22, 3 - 5 p.m. or email a special appointment request to [jkettler@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jkettler@lindenwood.edu).

To learn more about the show listen to the Earthworms podcast on KDHX at [earthworms.kdhxtra.org](http://earthworms.kdhxtra.org)

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## After the Drug War: Marijuana and Narcotics Legalization in the US



All but 15 states have legalized marijuana use and one state, Oregon, just decriminalized small amounts of heroin and other street drugs. Why have public attitudes toward drugs changed so much, and what are the possibilities going forward?

Join us (and invite your students for extra credit!) for this virtual panel on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m.

The panelists are Dale Walton, professor of international relations; Jeanie Thies, professor of political science; and Rachel Ferguson, professor managerial philosophy. The event is part of the Hammond Institute's Public Policy Forum.

To register and to find more information about the event and Public Policy Forum, [go here](#).

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## **Fall Music at Lindenwood**

The [Lindenwood music program](#) has stayed active during this complex time. This fall we have produced video recordings of some of our ensembles including: Concert Choir, Voices Only, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. Visit our YouTube channel on Friday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. to view these performances.

[View these performances](#)

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## **Elmes Wins Teaching Award**

Melissa ("Melle") Ridley Elmes is the recipient of this year's Southeastern Medieval Association's [Teaching Excellence Award](#). This is an annual award for which faculty members are nominated by one or more dues-paying members of the society. After nominations are made, nominees are responsible for putting together a dossier including letters from students and colleagues, a teaching philosophy, a list of medieval/ism courses taught for the past three years, and a CV. The association's President wrote that "Dr. Elmes stood out as the winner for the passion with which her students spoke of her classes as well as the innovations she has brought to the classroom in terms of both course design and assignment structure."

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## **The Positivity Sprint Prize Winners**

Thank you for your participation in the November LindenWell, Power of Positivity, and Q2 Challenge - The Positivity Sprint!

We truly appreciate everyone who submitted Q2 moments! We received so many wonderful moments to share, so be sure to keep an eye out for your submissions in Digests to come!



Congratulations to our winners!!!

Gold Basket: BRIAN BRUNNER  
Silver Basket: JORDAN SHELTON  
Bronze Basket: HOLLY ZEIGER

CONGRATS to our winners!!!!

Please reach out to Mariah ([mgove@Lindenwood.edu](mailto:mgove@Lindenwood.edu)) to coordinate a time to pick up your basket!

Have a wonderful holiday break and stay safe everyone!

The LindenWell Team



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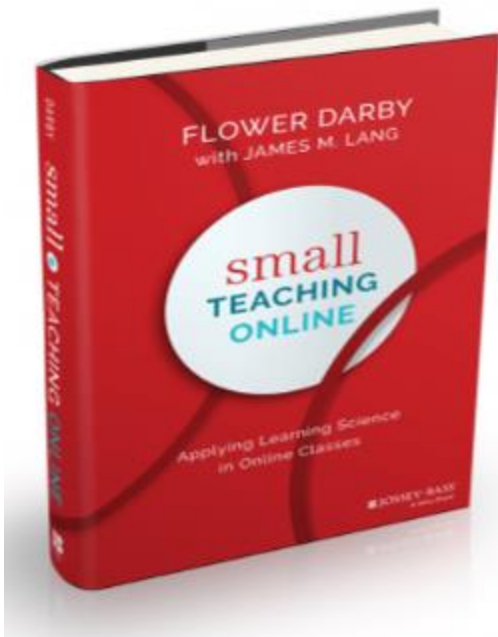
A colleague from Athletics would like to recognize Lindenwood's head women's soccer coach, Dave Musso. "Dave has been a member of the athletic department COVID action team from the beginning. His input from a coaching perspective has been invaluable. What has been more impressive has been his willingness to put the entire athletic department as a priority in coming up with solutions, rather than just focusing on what would be best for soccer. With his help we have been able to put policies in place which enable teams to do as much as is safe." Dave, thank you for putting others' interests above your own!

-Q2 Team

The logo for Lindenwood University Learning Academy is centered within a gold-bordered rectangular frame. The text "LINDENWOOD" is at the top in a large, black, serif font. Below it, "UNIVERSITY" is written in a smaller, black, serif font with wide letter spacing. A thin horizontal line is positioned below "UNIVERSITY". At the bottom, "LEARNING ACADEMY" is written in a black, sans-serif font with wide letter spacing.

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**SAVE THE DATE - Jan. 12, 12-1:15 p.m. via Zoom**  
**Small Teaching Online: Practical Strategies for Teaching During COVID-19 with**  
**Flower Darby, author of *Small Teaching Online***



*Remote, blended and online courses present unique challenges for both students and faculty. Small teaching can help. We'll explore practical, evidence-based techniques you can apply in your online teaching practice, small but impactful strategies that result in significant gains in student engagement and learning. You'll gain guiding principles for structuring learning in online and blended environments, brief learning activities, and tips for impactful yet not too time-consuming communication with students. These approaches can also enhance in-person teaching during and after Covid-19, so join us to explore new ways of teaching online to enhance your overall practice.*

Faculty in attendance will have a chance to win a copy of *Small Teaching Online*! Watch the Digest for registration details.

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**How Full Is Your Bucket - Book Discussion - Click [here](#) to register**

**Dec. 10, 3 - 4 p.m.**

**Jan. 7, 10 - 11 a.m.**

**Jan. 2, 12 - 3 p.m.**

As a part of the POP Program there will be monthly book discussions on a book that holds a strong connection to the Power of Positivity. The book covered in this session is *How Full Is Your Bucket?* This book reveals how even the briefest interactions affect your relationships, productivity, health, and longevity. Books will not be provided but can be accessed for free through the Library System.

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**Podcast Lunch and Learn – Happier with Gretchen Rubin - Click [here](#) to register**

**Dec. 15, 12 - 1 p.m.**

As a part of the POP Program, led by Employee Fellow Sarah Leassner, there will be monthly POP meetings discussing a podcast that holds a strong connection to the Power of Positivity. The podcast creator says, “Hi, I’m Gretchen Rubin, a writer who relentlessly explores human nature to understand how we can make our lives better. I believe there’s no one-size-fits-all solution for becoming happier, healthier, more productive, or more creative; when we know ourselves and what works for us, we can change our habits and our lives.” Participants should listen to the two most recent releases of the podcast.

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## **40 Hours of Professional Development - [How to video](#)**

Are you working toward your goal of 40 hours of annual professional development? The Learning Academy wants to make it easier for you to track your hours. Watch this [video](#) to learn how to add your development to Workday. ***Any event that your register for through the LLA calendar, complete in SkillSoft, and LinkedIn Learning will automatically be applied to your training profile in Workday. There is no need to add those, we will do that for you!*** But if your department completes a development activity together or you go to a conference, use the steps in the video for an easy way to track your progress! Managers, you can also view your teams’ progress toward their goal with the Workday Report: **HCM My Teams Training Professional Development**, simply type this into the search bar to view the report.

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## **Learning Academy Calendar – [Click here](#) to find November’s development opportunities**

- CDI Diversity and Bias Trainings
- Culture Connection
- Staff Administrator Sessions
- DEI Reading Challenge
- POP Lunch and Learns

## **Upcoming Virtual Events and Deadlines**

- Oct. 15 - Dec. 4 - [Expressions by Four Artists in Wood, Stone, Wool, and Steel](#), Boyle Family Gallery, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 - Social Innovation Challenge application deadline, [get more info](#)
- Dec. 13 - Deadline to apply for the new PRIDE Fund internal grant opportunity, [Register for Pivot](#), Click [here](#) for more information

All in-person events have been canceled until further notice. [See the list of all virtual events.](#)



## Fall Semester Hours

### Library Services Thanksgiving Break Closure

Library Services/LARC will be closed Saturday, Nov. 21 – Saturday Nov. 28.

We will re-open and resume our regular semester hours on Sunday, Nov. 29.

We will be open 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

During the building closure, the virtual chat services will be available on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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### Evans Commons Recreation Center Hours Nov. 21 - Jan. 18

Nov. 21 – Nov. 29 CLOSED

Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Dec. 7 – Dec. 11 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Dec. 14 – Dec. 18 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Dec. 19 – Jan. 3 CLOSED

Jan. 4 – Jan. 8 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Jan. 11 – Jan. 15 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Jan. 16 – Jan. 18 CLOSED

## Submit Information to the Digest

To have your listing appear in the Digest, please fill out the [Project Request Form](#) (be sure to choose "Communications and Public Relations" for type of request) by noon on the day prior to send-out. The Digest is sent every Tuesday and Friday morning during the term and on Fridays during break. Information submitted past the deadline may not be included in that edition but will appear in the following one. Entries are only subject to run once but may run twice depending on volume of material submitted that week. Please note, all entries to the Digest are subject to editing prior to running. [Get more information.](#)

