



**Feb. 2, 2018**

## **Today's Headlines**

### **Master of Science in Nursing Receives Initial Accreditation**

The Master of Science in Nursing program at Lindenwood University has received initial accreditation from the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The CCNE is a specialized, professional nursing accrediting agency that evaluates and judges the quality of baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing across the United States. The process is based on national standards and a statement of confidence in Lindenwood's ability to offer a quality program.

"This five-year Initial accreditation is the best possible outcome for our master's-level nursing program and affirms our commitment to preparing individuals to provide the best possible nursing care, both now and in the future," said Peggy Ellis, director of the Lindenwood nursing program. "We are proud to offer this nationally recognized nursing program at Lindenwood University."

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### **Assessment Tip of the Week: "Program Assessment Option: Normed Subject Knowledge Tests (e.g., Major Field Tests)"**

Are your students learning the subject matter of your field that you expect them to learn? As you may be aware, there are a number of commercial, normed instruments available for answering that question. For example, ETS publishes a number of [Major Field Tests](#) that test students' knowledge in a variety of fields, including business, literature in English, music, criminal justice, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, biology, chemistry, computer science, and mathematics.

An alternative to the Major Field Test is the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT). [ACATs](#) are available in a number of fields, including art, biology, business, communication, criminal justice, history, literature in English, political science, psychology, and social work. A great advantage of such tests, of course, is that you are able to compare your students' performance with that of students at other institutions. [Read more](#)

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### **Heart Health Month Information**

February is Heart Health Month, and you are invited to take part in the events all month long! Please see the [event information](#) and [calendar](#) for information.

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### **Cundiff Publishes Short Story**

Allison Cundiff, adjunct instructor of English in the School of Humanities, has published a short story, titled "Nick Bragg" in *In Layman's Terms*, a science-oriented digital journal out of [Washington State University Press](#). In addition, Professor Cundiff's third volume of poetry has been accepted for publication by [WordTech](#). The volume will appear this summer.

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### **Submissions Accepted for Annual Writing Awards**

The faculty of the English department cordially invites current English BA and BFA majors to submit their work for consideration for one of our three annual awards:

The Linda Ross Creative Writing Award: Open to students at the sophomore level or above. This award goes to the student who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has submitted the best creative writing that year.

The Howard Barnett Essay Award: Open to students at the sophomore level or above. This award goes to the student who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has written the best essay of the year.

The Jean Fields Award: Open to freshmen students only. This award goes to the freshman who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has produced the best essay OR the best creative writing that year. [Read more](#)



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### **O'Neill to Speak at Lindenwood Feb. 8**

The Center for International and Global Studies (CIGS) is sponsoring a talk by Dr. Bruce O'Neill on '[The Class Politics of Boredom in the Global Economy](#)' on Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m. in Dunseth Auditorium.

For further information regarding this CIGS talk please contact Ray Scupin at [Rscupin@lindenwood.edu](mailto:Rscupin@lindenwood.edu).

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### **Dissertation Defenses**

Somanita Kheang

Chairperson: Dr. John A. Henschke

Title: "Guidelines for U.S. Teacher Leaders in Adult Classrooms to Enhance International Undergraduate Satisfaction"

Date: Friday March 2 , 2018

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Roemer 208

Pamela L. Grant

Chairperson: Dr. John A. Henschke

Title: "A Mixed Methods Study on Faculty Caring and Trust as Perceived by Undergraduate Students in Classrooms at a Mid-Western University"

Date: Friday March 2 , 2018

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Roemer 208

Emilee S. Schnefke

Chairperson: Dr. Lynda Leavitt

Title: "A Mixed-Methods Study on Emotional and Social Intelligence and Grit in Graduate Students at a Private Four-Year University"

Date: Friday April 13, 2018

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Roemer 208

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### **Excused Absences**

The following students were approved to attend a field trip at the St. Charles Historical Society on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. as part of Dr. Jeanie Thies' PS 475 class.

Banga, Tatenda	Harris, Benjamin L	Milan, Moses E
Basler, Jessie	Harty, Emilie B.	Munkhtsooj, Baasanjav
Bauer, Baley	Hechler, James C	Peddicord, Johnny L
Bauer, Jacob	Janvrin, Clayton A	Prusheik, Alexia K
Contreras, Tania J	Mead-VanCort, Jonah M	Vela Genesca, Marina

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## Events and Deadlines

- **Through Feb. 16:** “Connections” Exhibition, Boyle Family Gallery
- **Through April 4:** [Academic Technology Services Workshops](#)
- **Feb. 2:** *Entrepreneurial Mindset Event* featuring Professor David Yeung, 1-3 p.m., Dunseth Auditorium
- **Feb. 3:** [Jr. Lynx Spirit Camp](#)
- **Feb. 6:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student-Athlete Talent Show](#)
- **Feb. 7:** [Adjunct Instructor Fair \(RSVP\)](#)
- **Feb. 13:** Disenfranchisement and Democracy: A discussion on voting rights, felons, activists and politics, and housing and representation, 3:30 p.m. Dunseth, Harmon Hall
- **Feb. 13-17:** [The Cripple of Inishmaan](#)
- **Feb. 16:** [Student Research Conference faculty nomination deadline](#)
- **Feb. 20:** Strategic Plan Dialogue, Dunseth Auditorium, Harmon Hall, 3-4 p.m.
- **Feb. 21:** Strategic Plan Dialogue, Dunseth Auditorium, Harmon Hall, noon-1 p.m.
- **Feb. 21:** [Hacks for Collaboration in the Classroom](#)
- **Feb. 22:** [Career and Internship Fair](#)
- **Feb. 22-24:** [Winter Dance Concert](#)
- **Feb. 24:** [Broadway Live](#)
- **Feb. 27-28:** [Spring Music Series](#)
- **March 3:** [Spring Music Series](#)
- **March 5:** Faculty Colloquium: See the [flier](#) and [abstracts](#)
- **March 6:** [Spring Music Series](#)
- **March 7:** Wellness Speaker Series: Managing Change, 11 am – noon
- **March 7:** Full Faculty Meeting, AB Leadership Room, 3-4:30 p.m.
- **March 15:** [Deadline for Faculty Award nominations](#)
- **March 20:** [Student Research Conference Submission Deadline](#)
- **March 22:** Opposition to LGBTQ Rights: Red States, 3:30 p.m., Dunseth, Harmon Hall
- **April 10:** Sexual Assault Awareness, 3:30 p.m., Dunseth, Harmon Hall
- **April 11:** Wellness Speaker Series: Preventing Job Burnout, 11 am – noon

- **April 25:** Full Faculty Meeting, AB Leadership Room, 3-4:30 p.m.