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Edler Selected as April Employee of the Month

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Chris Edler, Division Coordinator for the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for April.



Did You Know?

Edler started working at Lindenwood University in 1980, heading up a department that produced print publications for the school. That department eventually merged with the Office of Public Relations and Edler left the University in 1991 to be a stay-at-home mom.

Did you know that in the early years at Lindenwood, classes started at 5:15 a.m.? According to a letter written by Mary Ann Garrett Stine (Class of 1838) to her parents, the beginning lessons would last until 6:45 a.m., when they would dismiss for prayers and breakfast. With the exception of an additional break for lunch, students would return to their studies for rest of the day.

She returned to Lindenwood in 1999 to her current role within the School of Business. Her daily duties include assisting Roger Ellis, JD, Dean of the SB&E, overseeing students assigned to the division through the Work and Learn Program, and working with MBA and undergraduate students on applications and other documentation needs.

Edler was nominated for the Employee of the Month Award by another administrator whom she assists, Renee Porter, PhD, Associate Dean of the SB&E, for her work on projects above and beyond her job description. Porter specifically cited Edler's assistance with a University-wide adjunct training conference that recently took place.

"Chris dedicated her time, skills, and knowledge to arrange for classrooms, meals, and communications necessary for the invitation and training of more than 300 faculty members," Porter said. "She dedicated her weekend and changed her personal plans to support the event. Her University knowledge was very valuable, as it was a small team that worked through the challenges of implementing the conference in support of the entire school."

Edler said she thinks the Employee of the Month Award is a great morale booster and that she, like most people, appreciates being recognized for a job well done.

“I’ve been at the University for a good portion of my career and through a lot of ups and down in my life,” she said. “Lindenwood has been a constant through it all and it’s like a second home to me. It was big surprise and a huge compliment to receive an award from a place I’m so connected to.”

Gietschier Publishes Article in History Journal

Steve Gietschier, PhD, University Curator and Assistant Professor of History, has published an article, “Slugging and Snubbing: Hugh Casey, Ernest Hemingway, and Jackie Robinson—A Baseball Mystery,” in *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*. He presented a preliminary review of his research at Lindenwood’s History and Geography Forum in October 2011 and a fuller version at the nineteenth annual NINE Spring Training Conference in Tempe, Ariz., in March 2012.



The article investigates an allegation that Ernest Hemingway, living outside Havana, Cuba, in 1947, extended an invitation to the Brooklyn Dodgers, then training in Havana, to visit his house, Finca Vigia, but that the invitation was “whites-only.”

Gietschier pointed out that Hemingway was a baseball fan from his boyhood in Oak Park, Ill., and baseball references pepper his works of fiction, including *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952). Yet, the notion that Hemingway, a world traveler and an exuberant participant in many cultures, might have demonstrated racism in his personal behavior, strikes even the casual Hemingway scholar as out of character.

1947 is the year in which Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s color line by making his major-league debut with the Dodgers. In the spring of that year, Brooklyn executive Branch Rickey, seeking to avoid the overt racism that Robinson endured in Florida in 1946 as a member of the minor-league Montreal Royals, took both the Dodgers and the Royals, including Robinson and three other African-American players, to Havana where Hemingway saw at least one of their exhibition games.

NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture is published by the University of Nebraska Press.

Stocker, Acker to Make Presentations for Job-Seekers

Gary Stocker, DMGT, Program Director for LCIE Management Curriculum, and Larry Acker, PhD, Associate Professor and LCIE Undergraduate Health Management Program Director, will both offer hour-long presentations in May as part of the LCIE Colloquium Series. Stocker will deliver his address on Monday, May 6, and Acker will deliver his presentation on Monday, May 20, in the Lindenwood University Cultural Center Auditorium.



Stocker

Stocker will discuss “Behavioral Interviewing Skills for Managers and Job Seekers.” The focus of the presentation will be on demonstrating interview skills for both the interviewer and the interviewee.

Acker’s address, “Career Entrepreneurism,” will explore how individuals re-invent themselves through job and career changes. Topics will cover the many ways in which professionals constantly adapt and adopt techniques commonly associated with entrepreneurs.



Acker

Both presentations will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Certificates of attendance will be available.

To reserve a seat, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H56ZBHR>.

Turner to Host Grant Writing Seminar

Julie Turner, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair of the Nonprofit Administration Department, will host a grant writing seminar in May as part of the Lindenwood University Nonprofit Professional Development Series. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, and Wednesday, May 22, in the Memorial Arts Building’s Latzer Hall.



During the seminar, Turner will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the grant preparation and writing process. Focus will be on identifying initiatives in accordance with overall organizational development efforts, conducting research, planning and budgeting, and fostering a solid understanding of proposal development.

Turner has more than 20 years of experience in professional grant writing at the foundation, state, and federal levels. She has successfully acquired grants for school districts, health care organizations, and social services agencies across the United States.

The cost to attend is \$175 and includes seminar materials and a boxed lunch both days. To register, contact Turner at (636) 949-4652 or jturner@lindenwood.edu.
