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Psychology Conference Creates 'Sense of Excitement'

The Lindenwood University Psychology Department hosted the Fifth Annual Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) Nov. 6- 7, attracting attendees and presenters from 15 different educational institutions in Missouri and neighboring states. More than 50 undergraduate students delivered presentations on a variety of research topics within the field of psychology.



"It was very exciting that of the 12 presentations given by Lindenwood students, ten received awards for outstanding performance in their respective categories," said Michiko Nohara-LeClair, Associate Professor of Psychology. "And as a department, the conference brought students taking research methods courses, alumni, and faculty members closer together in working toward a common cause."

Conference highlights included a keynote address by Henry L. Roediger III, Ph.D., Dean of Academic Planning and Professor of Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis; a speech by James. D. Evans, Ph.D., President of Lindenwood University; a faculty workshop luncheon; and graduate program information tables hosted by staff and alumni.

The conference was made possible by the MUPC committee's fundraising efforts. Nohara-LeClair, Toni RincónGallardo, Colleen Biri, and Sarah Fryman secured grants from the International Honor Society in Psychology and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, as well as donations from various textbook publishers.

"Lindenwood also lent generous support for the event," said Nohara-LeClair. "Most notably, the University extended invitations to all 13 public high schools in Saint Charles County to attend as our guests."

Nohara-LeClair pointed out that the conference has created a sense of excitement about research among Lindenwood psychology students.

Some of the Lindenwood contingent at MUPC 2009 included Left to right back row (standing): Michiko Nohara-LeClair, Verenna Huerta, Kristen Statler, Chelsea Schumacher, Taylor Morrill, John Gatermann, Mary Claire Kondro, Channon Chazelle, Kat Borsheim. Left to right front row (seated): Abby Ramon, Kim Gould, Amanda Vance, Kristy Myers, Kristen Gravlin.

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Did You Know?

Did you know that in 1918 the Board of Directors at Lindenwood considered shutting the college down due to the effects of the Spanish Influenza? According to President Roemer's report, 60 out of its 287 students (20 percent) caught the highly contagious flu. Fortunately, no student died and the college was able to continue classes as usual.

Business Club Makes Donation Toward Harmon Project

On Nov. 19, Lindenwood University Business Club President Cody Donati (center) and Vice-President Katie Griffin (left) presented to Dr. Ed Morris, Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, with a donation towards the Harmon



Hall renovation project currently underway. The money was presented following a fund raising effort by the club.

Following the renovation project, the building, which will have nearly doubled in size, will be the new home of the growing School of Business and Entrepreneurship, which is currently housed in the Memorial Arts Building.

"This donation shows the students are appreciative of the progress Lindenwood University has made in the academic process," said Judy Kamm, the club's advisor.

Smith to Discuss Confluence on KWMU Radio Tuesday

Be sure to tune in to KWMU, 90.7-FM, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday to listen to our own Jeff Smith, of the History Department, discuss Lindenwood's recently completed regional studies journal, *The Confluence*. Smith will be interviewed by Don Marsh, host of the daily radio show "St. Louis on the Air."

The show typically deals with regional issues, such as public policy, the arts, education, and various other issues and concerns facing the St. Louis area. More information about *The Confluence* is available at www.lindenwood.edu/confluence.

All faculty and staff are entitled to a free copy of *The Confluence*. Anyone who has not received one already can request one from Smith by e-mailing confluence@lindenwood.edu.



Veteran Superintendent Focuses on Leadership

The Lindenwood University Educational Leadership Speaker Series welcomed its first presenter on Monday, Oct. 26, in the Spellmann Campus Center. Bernie DuBray, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Fort Zumwalt School District, delivered an address titled "Focus on Leadership."

DuBray has worked tirelessly in the field of education for more than 40 years. He has served in his current role for 25 years, and has been on the job longer than any other public school superintendent working in a single district within the state of Missouri.

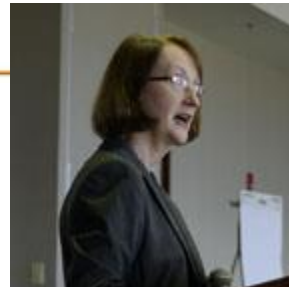
Topics covered during his presentation included passing school bonds, incorporating a "share the wealth" mentality into the system, and handling collective bargaining sessions between teachers and school board members. He also discussed themes surrounding humility, contingency plans, collaborative processes, and conflict resolution.

All presentations in the Educational Leadership Speaker Series are designed to be a meaningful and impressive activity for education students and professors. Each speaker is invited to share experiences that inspire a sense of commitment to improvement among current and future professionals in the field.



Lindenwood Hosts ACE Network Higher Ed Workshop

In an effort spearheaded by Dr. Jann Weitzel, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lindenwood University on Friday hosted a women's leadership



workshop put on by the Missouri American Council on Education (ACE) Network for Women.

The workshop, titled "Leadership Competencies: What you need to prepare for the challenges facing higher education," was held in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room and attended by representatives of higher education institutions from throughout the region. After a breakfast at 8 a.m., Weitzel addressed the attendees, welcoming them to Lindenwood and speaking about the skills needed for success in higher education. She was one of two initial speakers at the workshop, the other being Carla Chance, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Services at St. Louis Community College. The workshop, which included breakout sessions, lasted until noon.

"This was the first time this organization has met in the St. Louis area," Weitzel said. "It was an honor to have women in higher education come to Lindenwood and have the opportunity to network and discuss steps taken by women interested in positions in higher education."

Weitzel said she received a lot of positive feedback from those in attendance, particularly about the facilities.

"This was the first time many of these women had been on our campus," Weitzel said. "They were really appreciative and impressed with our campus, which was nice."