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Tretter Named Fulbright Scholar



Lindenwood University Professor Sue Tretter, pictured at left, has been named a Fulbright scholar in the "Distinguished Lecturer" category and will, as a result, teach American studies at the University of Leipzig in Germany from January through May of 2009.

Tretter was notified of the prestigious award last week following a long application process that started last year. Approval was sent in December from Fulbright in America, after which all that was needed was approval from Fulbright in Europe. Tretter said the news was at the same time exciting and humbling.

"It is very humbling, really," Tretter said, "knowing full well any one of my colleagues deserves this, too. But I had the time and the push to pursue the application, and it's in my area of expertise. It's affirmation to me as well. I'm bona fide in my area of scholarship now."

With the designation, Tretter joins a select group that have received the Fulbright designation in its 60 years of existence, including heads of state, CEOs, university presidents, cabinet ministers, and the winners of 37 Nobel Prizes.

Tretter has a doctorate in American studies and has been teaching at Lindenwood since 1994; she teaches classes in composition, American literature, African American literature, and several others. In the summers, she has taught classes in cowboy poetry and other less traditional offerings. In addition to her doctorate, she has master's degrees in English and communications and a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy.

American studies is actually more popular in Europe than it is in the United States, according to Tretter, who noticed in the Fulbright catalog that there was an assignment available in Germany in her subject area and decided to try for it. Tretter's daughter, Lisa, studied for a year in Germany in 2003, and Tretter has been studying German as well, which added to the appeal of the opportunity in Leipzig.

Tretter will teach two graduate-level courses in American studies, lecturing in English, although she said it will help to have studied German.

There was plenty of support from the Lindenwood community in Tretter's efforts to land the Fulbright scholarship. Professor John Bell, whose German language classes she has been taking, wrote a letter attesting to her abilities with the language, and she received letters of recommendation from Lindenwood President James D. Evans and two vice presidents—Jann Weitzel (academic affairs) and Richard Boyle (human resources).

"That couldn't have hurt," Tretter said.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first Director of the CIA, Sidney Souers, served on Lindenwood's Board of Directors (1958-1968)? In addition to this role, Souers was a Rear Admiral for the U.S. during World War II, a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, advisor to President Harry Truman, and a key member of the National Security Council.

Alsobrook's Pep Band Helps Out at Hardin

Kudos to our own Joe Alsobrook, assistant professor of music, who went out of his way recently to help Hardin Middle School teachers and hundreds of students have a successful academic pep assembly. Hardin is less than a mile from the Lindenwood campus.

The planned entertainment for Hardin's assembly fell apart because scheduled guest speakers and performers were forced to change plans when St. Charles West High School went to Columbia for the state basketball championships. In stepped Alsobrook, pictured at right, and his graduate assistant, Ryan Curtis at the last minute, and they delivered the Lindenwood Pep Band.

The band received rave reviews, and the event turned into quite a recruiting opportunity for LU since five scholar athletes were talking with students about what colleges look for in potential applicants. Of course,



Lindenwood's name was used many, many times during the event.

Thanks to Alsobrook, Curtis, and the LU Pep Band for recognizing an opportunity and making a good impression!

LU Shooter Going to Olympics

Lindenwood shooter Sean McLelland, pictured at right, earned a spot on the United States Olympic team last week. McLelland finished second at the U.S. Olympic Trials for Skeet Shooting to earn one of eight spots on the United States Olympic Shotgun team.



McLelland entered the shooting trial in second place after recording a score of 243 during the fall competition.

On Day One of the event, McLelland had the best day of any shooter by hitting 98 of 100 targets, which propelled him into first place in the competition.

McLelland slipped a bit on Day Two of the event, hitting just 89 targets and falling to third place. He regained his form during the first two rounds on the final day, hitting 24 of 25 targets in each round. In the pressure-filled final 25 targets, McLelland was able to hit 24 of them, two more than his challenger, to secure second place and a trip to China this summer. McLelland finished the competition by hitting a total of 502 targets. He was second to Vincent Hancock, the 2007 World Cup Italy Champion and 2007 Pan American Games gold medalist, who hit 511 targets.

Hudgins, Class Get into the Swing of Things To Support Harmon Hall Expansion

Professor Molly Hudgins and her event management class will be learning outside of a textbook this spring. Hudgins' class will learn to plan and implement an actual sporting event while helping the Lindenwood and St. Charles communities.

The class is currently organizing the first Lindenwood University Business School Golf Scramble. Proceeds from the event, under the advisement of Hudgins and Dean Ed Morris, will benefit the expansion of Harmon Hall for the Lindenwood business school. The tournament will be at 12:30 p.m., April 20, 2008, at Mid-Rivers Golf Links. The cost is \$65 per person, with food, carts, and range balls included. Plans are to hold the event annually.

The class hopes for a great turnout of faculty and students to show their support for Lindenwood University and the new business school. For more information, please contact Brooke Warren at bw012@lionmail.lindenwood.edu.

The class is also helping to strengthen the relationship that the university already has with the River City Rascals baseball team. The class has been given the opportunity to help plan an exhibition baseball game for the Rascals, which are based at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon. The game will be at 7:05 p.m. on May 9 in celebration of the kick-off of the Rascals' 10th anniversary season.

This will be the first time LU students will take an active role in planning and marketing for a Rascals team event. General admission is only \$5 a ticket, an inexpensive way for families and students to have a great night of food, drinks, and baseball. The evening is dubbed "College Pride Night" at T.R. Hughes Ballpark.

"The date is perfect timing for a quick break before the hectic week of finals," Hudgins said.

Shaper of Reaganomics to Speak on Economy

Murray L. Weidenbaum, Ph.D., will speak on the current state of the U.S. economy at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, in the Leadership Room of Lindenwood University's Spellmann Campus Center.

Weidenbaum, who appears as part of the university's Economic Policy Lecture Series, will present a speech titled, "Challenges Facing the U.S. Economy: Short-and Long-Term Solutions." Classes are welcome to attend.

Weidenbaum was President Ronald Reagan's first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors in 1981 and '82 and was one of the key shapers of the administration's economic policy as well as a frequent spokesman on economic and financial issues for the administration.

He was also assistant secretary of the treasury for economic policy in the Nixon administration and has served on the faculty at Washington University since 1964, where he was chairman of the economics department from 1966 to '69. He is currently the Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor at Washington University.

Prior to coming to Washington University, Weidenbaum was a corporate economist at the Boeing Company. He is currently on the boards of directors for Harbour Group, Macroeconomic Advisors, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees from City College of New York and Columbia University, respectively, as well as a doctorate from Princeton University, where he was a Banbury Fellow.

For more information, contact Ken Chilton at 636-949-4742.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Mar. 31-Apr. 6)

The Lindenwood baseball team continues an important stretch of games. The Lions will host the second-ranked team in the region on Tuesday afternoon, followed by a four-game home series over the weekend against the program right behind them in the HAAC East Division standings, Missouri Valley.

The Lady Lions' softball team starts the week with four conference contests as Lindenwood looks to position itself in the upper half of the HAAC.

The No. 7-ranked Lions' golf team has now won four straight tournaments after winning two titles last week. The team will look to continue that streak this week, but will have to do so against NCAA Division I competition at Western Illinois' Beu/Mussatto Invitational.

Two Lindenwood squads are at their conference meets this weekend, with the men's volleyball and women's water polo teams looking to add to the school's trophy cases.

Upcoming Events--Next week, Lindenwood's top dynasties, shooting and roller hockey, will look to extend their championship streaks at their respective national events.

The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf>