

Conference to focus on global medieval studies

By Tim MacPhail
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Continuing with its schedule of events celebrating the Year of Globalization and Diversity, the university will host a conference Oct. 6 focusing on medieval and early modern studies in a world environment.

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The conference "Across Time and Space: Medieval and Early Modern Studies in a Global Context" will focus on learning and teaching about these subjects in an increasingly diverse world.

According to Ulrike Wiethaus, an associate professor of humanities and the coordinator of the conference, the goal of the daylong seminar is to gather all the faculty at the university who teach early modern studies to discuss the matter in a global context. "It's a nice way for students to see who on campus is working in this area," she said. "We hope students will come."

Wiethaus said an important thing to keep in mind is that although globalization is being studied increasingly today, the subject has always been global. Now scholars must go back and study early modern times from a world perspective, she said. For example, it is meaningful to discover how Europe has been shaped by non-European cultural occurrences.

The first session of the conference, scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m., is titled, "East and West: Crossings, Pathways, Mirrors" features speakers Paul Cobb and Claire Schen, assistant professors of history. Elizabeth Kiser, a professor of English at Guilford College, will speak on Buddhist and Christian stories of desire.

Following the first session, keynote lecturer Jodi Bilinkoff from UNC Greensboro will address the audience on "Navigating the Waves (of Devotion): Gender and the Formation of a Transatlantic Catholic Culture."

Session II, expected to start at 2:30 p.m., will study the topic "Computer Technologies as Gateway into the Past." Among the speakers will be Gillian Overing, a profes-

sor of English, and Olga Valbuena, an assistant professor of English.

According to Valbuena, her expertise in the area comes from a partnership she has had with the Globe Theatre in London that has become part of the basis for a first-year seminar she has taught. She will speak on current aspects of Shakespeare studies.

Although the study of Shakespeare's literature has been going on for years, the use of computer technology has enhanced the studies. Internationalizing the studies through the use of the internet has been a great help, she said.

The third session, "Gender Across/Within Borders" will begin at 4 p.m. and will feature Gale Sigal, a professor of English,

Wiethaus and Christopher Hodgkins, a professor of English at UNC-G, who will speak about Pocahontas.

Three distinct sessions throughout the day will be supplemented by a luncheon, keynote lecture, banquet and musical performance.

The conference starts at 9:30 a.m. in Pugh Auditorium and is open to the public.

Following the sessions, a banquet celebration in the Magnolia Room and a music and poetry performance directed by Eric Kirchner will cap off the evening. The conference is sponsored by the dean of the college, the women's studies program, the medieval studies program and the humanities program.

Plan brings additional faculty, scholarships

By Kyle Cutts
Contributing Reporter

This year the university will hire seven new professors and introduce several new study abroad scholarships as a part of the Undergraduate Plan.

The Undergraduate Plan, first implemented by the university in 1995, creates fourty new teaching positions by the year 2000.

"At this moment we have added 28 and one-half teachers in the undergraduate school and another three in the Calloway School of Business," said Paul Escott, the dean of the college.

These new teaching positions are intended to help reduce the teacher-to-student ratio in classes and increase the availability of certain classes to students. Escott said that an increase in teachers would "strengthen the university's focus on close relationships with faculty and students."

Seven new faculty will fill positions in the departments of physics, chemistry, politics, communication, math, English and education.

Nancy Cotton, a professor and the chair-

woman of English, said that she was very excited about the new teachers as "many of our classes tend to be overcrowded."

With one professor already hired and another six positions funded through the Undergraduate Plan this year, the administration appears close to reaching its set goals.

Five of these positions, according to Escott, would be funded by endowments to the school. One such endowment provides the art department with an endowed chairman in the near future.

The Undergraduate Plan also establishes several new merit scholarships for students. These scholarships for studying abroad will help and encourage students to include a semester or a summer abroad as part of their experience at the university. This year, the administration also expanded the scope of the Undergraduate Plan and developed a program for teachers.

The McCulloch Family Fellows plan, a new program at the university, will be introduced to the faculty later this week.

"The plan will enable us to select a person who is recently tenured and provide a supplement in salary," Escott said.



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Sharing a family moment

The Lukas Family (from left, Jim, Janet, Michelle and senior Jessica) enjoys munchies at Shorty's. During Parents' Weekend, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, many students showed their parents around local attractions and spent time together.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

London program to hold info session

There will be an information meeting about the Spring 2000 semester in London at 6 p.m. Nov. 5 in Tribble A302.

Katy Harriger, an association professor of politics, will take students to the Worrell House and teach two politics courses.

Other courses to be offered include art and theater.

Applications will be available at the meeting or by contacting Harriger at Ext. 4559 or e-mail at harriger@wfu.edu.

Career Services hosts Grad-Professional Day

Career Services will host its annual Graduate and Professional School Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 in Benson 401.

Admissions representatives from more than 50 schools nationwide will be in attendance.

The disciplines represented will include law, business, medicine, public affairs, religion, psychology, humanities, physical and natural sciences, pharmacy, podiatry and others.

A list of schools attending are available in the Career Services office.

Contact Jaime Dorsett or Allison Corkey in Career Services at Ext. 5902 for more information.

Mellon Fellowship available for humanist

The Mellon Fellowship is available to any college senior or graduate of the past five years who has not yet begun graduate study and plans to attain a doctorate degree in a humanistic field.

The purpose of the fellowship is to attract exceptionally promising students preparing for careers in teaching and scholarship in humanistic studies and to contribute to the

continuity of teaching and research in American colleges and universities.

If interested, call Susan Faust, an assistant to the senior vice president, at Ext. 5891 by Nov. 6 to schedule an appointment.

Construction to block parking near Wingate

Construction that will begin Nov. 6 north of Wingate Hall will use approximately 30 parking spaces along Wingate Road.

Any cars parked in the area will need to be moved.

University Police will be posting signs to alert students parked in the area that it will be unavailable temporarily.

Workshop to be held for Caribbean music

Gage Averill, a noted New York University ethnomusicologist, will hold a performance workshop on the music of the Caribbean islands from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in Scales, room 102.

His lecture, "Secular Musics of the Caribbean" will combine hands-on musical performance with a discussion of the origins and socio-cultural contexts in which Caribbean musical traditions have emerged.

Space is limited, so call the museum at Ext. 5282 to register.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sociology department to sponsor lecture

Vernon Andrews of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, will present a lecture on "Celebration, Taunting and Sportsmanlike Conduct Among African-American Athletes."

The department of sociology is sponsoring the lecture, which will be 3 p.m. Nov. 9 in Carswell 208.

Series panel to probe 'Sex and the Law'

"He Said, She Said: Sex and the Law" will be the focus of the next Discovery Series, which is set for 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Benson University Center third-floor lounge.

Guests will include Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources; Donna Hamilton, the university legal counsel; and Gloria Agard, an assistant director of human resources.

Research fellowship opportunity available

The university is joining with the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina and several Winston-Salem agencies to combat youth violence in Forsyth County.

Student research partners will have the opportunity to work with a faculty member of the research team and to interact with representatives of community agencies.

Undergraduate research fellows will be involved in most parts of the collection and analysis of data, except when dealing with highly sensitive information.

For more information or to apply for a fellowship, contact Toby Hale, an associate dean of the college, in the summer session office.

Deadline for application submission is Dec. 1.

APO, PREPAR vigil held for sexual assault

A candlelight vigil will be held to honor those lives affected by domestic violence and sexual assault Nov. 10.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. in front of Wait Chapel.

There will be several speakers and musical groups performing to highlight the event.

It is co-sponsored by PREPAR and Alpha Phi Omega fraternity

and supported by the Winston-Salem Police Department, women's studies department, Family Services of Forsyth County and various other campus and community groups.

Any questions can be directed to junior Ronna Chan at 896-1452.

Reception to be part of year of globalization

Tapiloan Honka, a women's basketball team from Finland, will play the women's basketball team at 7 p.m. Nov. 10., and earlier that day students, faculty and staff are invited to meet the players and talk about athletics and athletic competition in Finland at a reception from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Reynolda Hall Green Room.

Businessman, former cabinet member visits

Richard Darman, the managing director of a global investment firm and former presidential cabinet member, will present "Global Change: Utopian Hopes and Cassandran Worries" Nov. 11.

His presentation, free and open to the public, will begin at 2 p.m. in Pugh Auditorium.

Darman will discuss the shifting of an ever-expanding global financial market to one threatened by political and economic disorder.

Translation workshop to be held in Tribble

Experts in translation, interpretation and cross-cultural communication will participate in a workshop from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in Tribble Hall's DeTamble Auditorium.

Topics will include "Translation in the College Curriculum: Looking Ahead," "Translation, Interpretation and Business in a Global Economy" and "The New Tools of the Trade: The Use of Technology in Translation."

Truman Foundation to award scholarships

The Truman Foundation provides scholarships for college students preparing for public service careers.

Applicants must be juniors in the top quarter of their class who have extensive records of public and community service, are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in the public sector, wish to influence public policies, have outstanding leadership potential and possess intellectual strength and analytical abilities.

If interested, contact James Barefield, a professor of history, at Ext. 5555 to set an appointment by Nov. 16.

Guest photographer to lecture, show slides

Documentary photographer Bill Bamberger will present a lecture and slide presentation titled "Closing: The Life and Death of an American Factory."

The free and public event will be from 8-9 p.m. Nov. 12, in Olin 101.

The event is sponsored by the department of sociology.

Discussion to focus on India, Pakistan

"India and Pakistan: What They See and What We See" will be from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in Pugh.

The program will include discussions about Calcutta, India and Pakistan as nuclear nations and the perception of these countries in the United States.

The event is free and open to the public.

Professor to discuss humanities topic

Victoria Campos, an assistant professor of Romance languages, will discuss "Locating the Nation Among Exiles: Elena Poniatowska's 'Iron Search'" beginning

at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Reynolda Hall's Heritage Room.

The discussion is part of the Humanities Forum. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

PREPAR applications available for positions

PREPAR is accepting applications for facilitator positions.

Applications are available in the Counseling Center in Reynolda Hall and are due Nov. 16 to the Counseling Center.

Students need to sign up for an interview time when picking up an application. Interviews will be held Nov. 19.

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply.

Association to host campus wide-dance

The Resident Student Association will host the Black and Gold Ball, a campus-wide semi-formal featuring the Voltage Brothers Band, at 8 p.m. Nov. 20 in Benson 401.

Students can buy tickets now in the RSA office, Benson 350 or at the Benson information tables Nov. 6-20.

Tickets are \$10 per person and \$17 per couple. Deacon Dollars are accepted.

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