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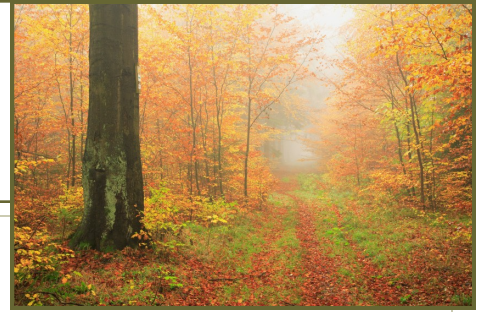


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A NEWSLETTER FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

Cooperative Internships



Many of you either have completed a cooperative internship or are currently enrolled or are pondering options for upcoming semesters. Because yours is an individualized major, I highly recommend co-ops for the opportunity to gain experience, to network, and to hone that “elevator speech” (see “Now What? Settling Into Your Program”/The Independent/Fall 2010).

On August 14th, *Sunday Morning on CBS* ran a feature story on internships <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/08/14/sunday/main20092149.shtml?tag=contentMain;contentBody> If you’re considering an internship, watching the segment may be helpful. Lauren Berger, AKA the intern queen, is part of the story; she completed 15 internships (yes, that’s a lot) and now earns her living by promoting and coordinating them. <http://www.internqueen.com/>

You can imagine, since our majors’ interests are so diverse, the range of co-ops LBST majors have experienced: advocating, archaeology, archiving, broadcasting, business, coaching, conservation, counseling, design, finance, gardening, health care, law enforcement, military, performing, pharmacy, public relations, research, teaching, technology, videography, writing...the list goes on. Majors have worked here in town or gone halfway around the world. As is customary for LBST majors, each has sought out the internship opportunity s/he thought best fit their program and their ambition. That takes focus, initiative, and a willingness to do more than is required.

LBST majors who complete internships usually enroll in LBST 400 to house their academic credit. This isn’t always the case, as some minors stipulate internships that are then coordinated through that department. Information re eligibility requirements and arranging co-ops through LBST can be found on our website at <http://louisville.edu/liberalstudies/approved-majors/cooperative-internship> .

Questions re internship content, objectives, and evaluations should be directed to Dr. Hale, since he is the academic supervisor for LBST 400. If you have general questions about co-ops, the forms, the application process, or the permission code, feel free to call or email me. *Maggie Noffke*



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Out of office:

During the Fall term, Maggie will be out the week of Oct 17, Nov 7-8, Nov 23, and Dec 19 through end of term.

Dr. Hale will be out after Dec 8th through the end of term.

A Glimpse of Narok, Kenya – Maasai Country

by Kathy Carden, LBST major

Program title:

Mission Work in Africa: Humanitarian Aid, Advocacy, and Service in Impoverished/Vulnerable Communities

“**Kuja!**” – Come!

Learn about the warm hospitality of the welcoming Kenyans, and the sharp contrasts: rich culture, cattle wealth, and life-threatening poverty, vibrant traditional community life and untimely death, the AIDS/HIV plague, VCT centers and health education, joyful smiles, praise songs and sad losses, failed crops, village support and self-sustaining skills, herders, hunters and women balancing heavy loads, despairing hunger and resilient hope, the hardships of the streets and the haven of the school, rural homes, savannahs and bustling market street vendors, glue and brew, ugali, chai and roasted goat, crowded matatus, wooden carts and taxi scooters, tattered sweaters and sewing machines, colorful leso cloths and beautifully designed beaded jewelry, migrating animals and safari game drives—the Maasai Mara, acacia trees and the bush, plaid wool blankets and spotted and striped animals, the rhythms, drums and storytelling through dance, brave warriors and strong women, gardening hoes, machetes and wood-burning charcoal, the welcome (“Karibu”) and the bonding, abandonment, child sponsorship and extended family kinships, the orphans and the school at the top of the hill, that’s where I left my heart and where I’ll return..., dry dusty roads, drought and the rain,
“**Nasha**” -- the blessing of the rain and of the friendships.



Melani with grandmother,

Summer 2009



The Crow's Nest

John R. Hale



Greetings from Liberal Studies' new home! Since our last issue of *The Independent*, the headquarters for Liberal Studies has moved from the top floor of Gardiner Hall, where we have resided for many years, to the 3rd floor of Stevenson Hall. We are occupying rooms that were formerly part of a dormitory for UofL basketball players, but which have now been remodeled into sets of office for Liberal Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, and Women and Gender Studies. It is a lively place, and we hope that students will come by often.

Here in Stevenson Hall we have three new Liberal Studies offices, for John Hale, Director (that's me, in Room 302), Maggie Noffke, Academic Advisor, next door in Room 303, and Janna Tajibaeva, Program Coordinator in Room 309. But the big news for Liberal Studies students is Room 307, at the far north end of the long hallway.

Thanks to our acquisition of Room 307, we can at last offer our Liberal Studies majors a room of their own – not to mention a room with a view. Room 307 was created by knocking out the wall between two old dorm rooms, and creating a double-sized conference and meeting room with two big windows, a glass wall that looks out into the hallway, 20 very comfortable chairs, and a long handsome conference table that seats 14 comfortably and 18 at a pinch.

The windows look east to the Honors Building, the volleyball courts, the railroad, and the UofL Clock Tower. Currently, Liberal Studies 300 is meeting in Stevenson 307 every Thursday afternoon, for the seminars led by Professor Linda Rogers on “Forms of Interdisciplinary Inquiry”. And we three Liberal Studies staff members have had a meeting with members of the College of Arts and Sciences Development Office, who want to help raise more funds to support our program.

But in reality, if you are a Liberal Studies major, than our new conference room is meant FOR YOU. The door will be left unlocked during regular office hours, so that –outside of class times - you can visit the room between classes, use it as a student lounge during mornings or afternoons, spread out your books, notes and laptop on the long table for study, or enjoy quiet conversations there with other Liberal Studies students.

We need your help, advice and input to transform our Conference Room 307 into a space that will serve your needs during your days at the University of Louisville. So please, take a moment to think about what sorts of amenities or furnishings you would like to have in your “home away from home” on the Belknap Campus, and then let us know what we can do to make this space more welcoming and more useful to you. We are thinking in terms that range from the needs of a single student, seeking a quiet but spacious place to review for an upcoming exam or work on a research paper, to a possible future Liberal Studies Student Organization, with its own schedule of meetings, events, and guest speakers.

So please, let your imagination run wild, and then send the results of your meditations to me at jrhale@louisville.edu. I am looking forward to making Stevenson 307 a center for student life, and a true home for all Liberal Studies majors.



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A Note to December Degree Applicants

The deadline to apply for a December degree is September 14th. Those who apply by the deadline will get an email from me; this will include information re commencement, ordering apparel, and the required exit interview with Dr. Hale. A degree check will be attached.

Please check to make sure your address is current on ULink. That mailing address will be used by the Registrar to notify you when your diploma is ready. It is also the address to which we send your final letter, degree check, and program certificate. If you have any questions, let me know! *Maggie*

PRESENTIMENT is that long shadow on the lawn

Indicative that suns go down;

The notice to the startled grass

That darkness is about to pass

Emily Dickenson