

CEE Program Updates 2006

January 2006

- A Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Certificate program begins Jan. 26. GIS provides a means of linking databases to maps and analyzing how location influences features and events. The certificate, offered for credit and noncredit, requires completion of two courses and a project or internship. For more information call 785-6506.
- A credit course, *Storytelling*, begins Jan. 17 at Onalaska High School. Educators or anyone interested in the art and application of storytelling may register by calling 785-6513.
- New ME-PD Learning Community sites have been established in Whitehall, Lodi, DeForest, Elkhorn, Greenfield and Greendale, enrolling more than 180 new students. CEE administers the program in partnership with the School of Education.
- More than 175 students from 12 schools competed on campus at the regional Academic Decathlon Jan. 13.
- *Psychology of Aging*, a core workshop for the **Gerontology Certificate Program** will be offered Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. The workshop is designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals. The Gerontology Certificate is offered in partnership with the **Psychology Department**.
- In cooperation with **Chileda**, the **Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program** will begin Jan. 28 in the Health Science Center. This certificate will be offered for credit and noncredit and is intended for health and human service professionals, educators, paraprofessionals, parents, and persons working directly with an individual with an autism spectrum disorder. *For more information on either certificate, please contact Continuing Education at (608) 785-6500.*
- Business owners and managers will meet to discuss this month's **Business Over Breakfast Series**, Small Business Law, on Jan. 25 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce. This series is cosponsored by the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Mainstreet Inc., SCORE, the Extended Education and Training Division of WWTC and UW-L's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Cost is \$5. For more information contact SBDC at (608) 785-8783.
- Continuing Education in partnership with the **Liberal Studies** Dean John Mason and **Modern Languages** chair Don Socha, is offering, *Developing Literacy Skills in the Hmong Heritage Language*, Jan. 23-May 4 using distance education. The credit course will originate from UW-La Crosse with a receive site at UW-Stevens Point. Dr. Bee Lo, an experienced instructor from the local Hmong community, teaches this course.

February 2006

- **ACT Prep Course**, a pre-college program designed to raise student test scores by enhancing test-taking skills and strengthening their academic preparation will meet six Saturdays, February 5-March 12 on the UW-L campus.
- **The Adolescent Health Symposium** will be offered Feb. 9-10 in Oshkosh. The annual event is intended for teachers, counselors, health educators and health and human professionals.

- The Gerontology Certificate, offered in partnership with the **Psychology Department**, will be offering a core workshop, Social Issues of Aging, Feb. 17-18 in Morris Hall.
- The 5th annual **Women in Leadership Forum**, a series of six, three-hour sessions presented by exemplary women leaders in Wisconsin, begins **Tuesday, March 2** and runs through April. This series was developed by a campus and community committee (Ellen Alexander, Patricia Anderson, Christina Trombley, Vicki Bain, Penny Tiedt and Tami Woods) in partnership with Chancellor Hastad and local businesses and community organizations to recognize the essential role women play in the transition to the next economy. For more information or to register, call (608) 785-6506.
- A Learning in Retirement program, **An International Students' Perspective**, will bring together a panel of international students who will discuss problems related to the generation gap in different parts of the world, Middle Eastern culture and Islam, and the impact of outsourcing to India and China. The first of the three-part series begins March 3 from 1-3 p.m. in the Cartwright Center.

March 2006

- A Study Tour to Great Britain, a biennial experience to England and Wales, offers opportunities to explore the British health care, health education and health promotion systems. The tour co-directors are **Gary Gilmore, health education/health promotion** and Christopher Squier, University of Iowa. The tour runs March 9-18, 2006.
- Maximizing Performance, an elective for the Supervisory Management Certificate program, will be held March 7-8 at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. This seminar, developed by the **Small Business Development Center**, is designed to help supervisors create and maintain standards in the work environment. For more information call (608) 785-8783.
- Continuing Education has received a \$17,000 EDvantage grant from UW-Extension to support a Computer Security workshop, developed by **Computer Science** professors **Kasi Periyasamy** and **Dave Riley** in collaboration with Continuing Education, the **Small Business Development Center**, and the Tri-State Area Technology Group. The project's goal is to strengthen the local economy by improving the quality and quantity of professional development opportunities for information technology professionals.
- The first of a four-part series on China, offered by **Learning in Retirement**, will begin March 14 from 1-3 p.m. in the Cartwright Center. The four sessions will discuss living and teaching in China, the Chinese language, the art of paper folding and Chinese music.
- **Stop Bullying Now**, the final part of a three-part series on bullying prevention, will be held March 14 using **distance education technology**. The program will originate from the University of Maine, Augusta campus with receive sites at UW-L Wing Communication Center and Holmen High School.
- **You Can...They Can...We Can**, an elective for the Gerontology Certificate Program, will be offered March 13 from 5:30- 9 p.m. in Morris Hall. The workshop provides safe and effective exercise programming and nutrition education for older adults.
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- The second of a four-part series on China, offered by **Learning in Retirement**, will begin March 21 from 1-3 p.m. in the Cartwright Center. The four sessions will discuss living and teaching in China, the Chinese language, the art of paper folding and Chinese music.
- Facing Conflict Head On, an elective for the Supervisory Management Certificate program, will be held March 30-31 at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. This seminar, developed by the **Small Business Development Center**, is designed to help supervisors examine frequent causes of organizational conflict and learn a process for diagnosing root causes of impasse. For more information call (608) 785-8783.

April 2006

- Economic Indicators: An Update for the 7 Rivers Region, will be held April 13 from 7-9 a.m. at the Cleary Alumni and Friends Center. The program, offered in collaboration with the State Bank of La Crosse, the Small Business Development Center and the La Crosse Tribune, builds on continual regional research and provides valuable information for strategic planning. Cost is \$20 and the program is open to all. For more information call (608) 785-8783.
- Physiology of Aging, a core workshop for the Gerontology Certificate Program will be offered April 21-22 in Morris Hall. The workshop is designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals. The Gerontology Certificate is offered in partnership with the Psychology Department.
- Substitute Teachers Workshop will be offered on Saturday, April 22. Developed in partnership with the Clinical Field Experience office, this workshop focused on practical techniques used by successful teachers.
- Business owners and managers will meet to discuss this month's Business Over Breakfast Series, Crucial Conversations, on April 26 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce. This series is cosponsored by the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Mainstreet Inc., SCORE, the Extended Education and Training Division of WWTC and UW-L's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Cost is \$5. For more information contact SBDC at (608) 785-8783.

May 2006

- The 21st **Wisconsin Health Education Network** annual meeting takes place May 16 in Middleton. Developed and led by **Professor Gary Gilmore, Health Education and Health Promotion**, the meeting will draw more than 70 health practitioners to address the need for partnership development of health education and promotion at local and statewide levels.
- **Basic Plant Identification**, part of the Wetland Delineation workshop series, takes place in Waukesha **May 22-26**. The workshop was developed by **associate professor Tim Gerber, biology**, in response to requests from past participants.
- Continuing Education recognized **12 graduates** of the Gerontology Certificate Program on May 18 in the **Cleary Alumni & Friends Center**. This group is the fifth to graduate from the two-year non-credit program designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals.

- The **International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** takes place on campus **June 4-7**. Developed in partnership with the Center for Death Education and Bioethics and led by **professor Gerry Cox, sociology**, the conference will draw more than 170 professionals and those dealing with grief from throughout the United States.

June 2006

- CEE's summer pre-college programs kick off with **Environmental Explorers**, June 13-14 and **Harmony Explosion Camp**, June 8-11. More than 90 middle and high school youth will attend.
- Professor emeritus Jim Gallagher will lead 15 individuals on an Ireland walking tour, June 14-25.
- **"Off the Beaten Path: Art in the Natural World,"** a credit course for teachers, June 19-22, will be offered in the natural setting of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- In cooperation with Chileda, we are offering the **Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate** program this summer for 15 participants. This certificate is for health and human service professionals, educators, paraprofessionals, parents, and persons working directly with an individual with an autism spectrum disorder.
- The 15th annual Young Scholars program, July 10-14, offers 93 students hands-on experiences primarily in the arts and sciences through inquiry, creativity and problem solving. Fifteen UW-L faculty and academic staff taught classes for the program.

July 2006

- Old Times on the Mississippi, a five-day excursion on the Julia Belle Swain, July 16-22 will provide a unique mode of transportation while enjoying the spectacular scenery, relaxation and learning. Discover the Mississippi River's history, past, present and future, from a variety of viewpoints. Explore the steamboat era and listen to stories of the men who worked the river, including Mark Twain. This program is offered in partnership with Elderhostel. For more information, contact Elderhostel at 1(877)426-8056.
- Vocal Jazz Camp, developed by associate professor Gary Walth, Music, starts July 16. Eighteen high school students will participate in the workshop, concluding with a public performance July 20 at Valley View Mall.
- Jazz on the Mississippi will attract 50 seniors from across the country. This Elderhostel program is offered in conjunction with the 21st annual Great River Jazz Fest, August 2-7.
- The 12th annual Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop, held August 1-2 at the Radisson Hotel, will focus on the development of drugs to anesthetize and treat fish with bacterial diseases. Partners include the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

August 2006

- Beginning August 7, three Wetland Delineation Training workshops and a Basic Hydric Soil Identification workshop are offered in La Crosse and Cable, Wis. for natural resource professionals. Partners included the UW-L River Studies Center, Wisconsin Department of Administration Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other state and federal agencies.
- New ME-PD Learning Community sites have been established in Eau Claire, Holmen, Lake Geneva, Manitowoc, Waunakee and West Allis, enrolling more than 203 students. Eau Claire is the newest pilot

project for UW-L's ME-PD Learning Community program targeting a new audience – technical college faculty and staff. CEE administers the program in partnership with the School of Education.

- Continuing Education in partnership with the College of Liberal Studies and Department of Modern Language is offering, *Elementary Hmong Language* and *Intermediate Hmong Heritage Language*, Sept 5-Dec. 13 using distance education. The credit courses will originate from UW-La Crosse with receive sites at UW-Stevens Point and UW Whitewater. Dr. Bee Lo, an experienced instructor from the local Hmong community, teaches these courses.

September 2006

- Two **Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Certificate** courses, *Applications of GIS II* and *GIS Project/Internship* begin this fall. GIS provides a means of linking databases to maps and analyzing how location influences features and events. The certificate, offered for credit and noncredit, requires completion of two courses and a project or internship. For more information call 785-6506.
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- The fall program schedule kicks into full swing for **Learning in Retirement (LIR)** members. Beginning Sept. 8, those registered for *Exploring Trempealeau County* will journey north to visit a game farm, wine tasting and storytelling, and enjoy tasting Norwegian cooking. To inquire about LIR membership or for more information about these programs, contact us at (608) 785-6506.
- The **Gerontology Certificate** programs offered this fall include Foundations of Gerontology, Drugs and Aging, Psychology of Aging, and Fundamental Interactions with Elders with Dementia. The certificate is offered in partnership with the Psychology Department.
- The Welcome Back Social for Learning in Retirement (LIR) members takes place Sept. 20 from 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. in Cartwright Center. Kelly Kreig-Sigmund, director, La Crosse Public Library, will present, "Martha Stewart Meets Melville Dewey: The Evolving Role of Public Libraries." If you are not an LIR member, this is a perfect opportunity for you to participate and to see if you would like to join the Learning in Retirement program.
- Six LIR members are traveling to Peru, Sept. 12-26, to experience the richness of the people, culture and ecology.
- "Home and Almost Home: Are we There Yet?" a program inviting the community to share a conversation about the future of our aging population, will be held Sept. 19, 6-8:30 p.m. in the Overholt Auditorium at Gundersen Lutheran. It will feature a panel of baby boomers and those working to expand people's choices and independence as they age. The program is free and open to the public.
- Participants in the MOVING Into the Joy of Living workshop, Sept. 23, will learn to release stress and quiet the mind in order to create a clear and focused vision.

- The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, led by Associate Professor Tim Gerber, Biology at the Pigeon Lake Field Station September 17-19, was attended by 45 high school students presenting research and experimentation in sciences, mathematics and engineering.
- **Bootstrap: 7 Rivers Innovation Fair**, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Onalaska Omni Center, provides an arena for product scouts, lenders, investors, marketing professionals, production manufacturers and service providers to meet inventors who are at stages of taking products to market. The fair is free and open to the public.
- A workshop for human service professionals, **Spirituality and Type Retreat**, Sept. 29-30 at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, will be lead by Sandra Krebs Hirsh and Jane Kise, recognized international authorities on the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.
- The **Chicago Art & Theatre Tour**, organized by the School of Arts and Communications, will include the Broadway musical "Annie" and visit the Field Museum to view the Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibit, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For more information or to register, contact Continuing Education/Extension (608) 785-6500.
- **Academic Skills workshop**, a must for all high school students, helps prepare participants for the academic adjustments when transitioning from middle school to high school or high school to college. The workshop covers time management, textbook reading, note taking and test preparation. The program is \$35 and will be offered Oct. 7 on the UW-L campus. For more information call 785-6500.
- **The (He)art of Listening: Communication in Religious and Voluntary Organizations**, an elective for the Gerontology Certificate Program, will be offered Oct. 5 from 1-5 p.m. in Morris Hall. The workshop will emphasize good communications skills and empathic listening. A program to reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and misappropriation in long-term care settings takes place Oct. 5-6 in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center.
- **Wisconsin Caregiver Project Abuse and Neglect Prevention Training** provides a unique learning opportunity for a variety of caregivers, hospices, home health agencies and personal care worker agencies. This program is provided in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and UW-Oshkosh.

October 2006

- **Candidates' Forum on Long Term Care: Make our Voices Heard**, sponsored by Coulee Region Long Term Care Workforce Coalition, in collaboration with Trempealeau County Long Term Care Workforce Coalition and AgeAdvantAge, takes place Oct. 16 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Area candidates for the Wisconsin State Legislature will answer questions from the community about social policy, programs and trends of long term care. The program is free and open to the public.
- **ACT Prep Course**, a pre-college program designed to raise student test scores by enhancing test-taking skills and strengthening their academic preparation will meet six Saturdays, Oct. 12-Nov. 18 on the UW-L campus.
- **Tilling the Soil of Opportunity**, co-sponsored by UW-Extension and the Small Business Development Center, is a nationally recognized entrepreneur training program developed for local farmers and agribusiness

owners. Business planning, market research and financial management skills will be taught throughout the eight sessions. The program runs Oct. 17-Dec. 19 and is held at Camp Douglas. For more information call (608) 785-8783.

- The 2006 Wisconsin Upper Extremity Symposium and Workshops take place Nov. 10-11, the result of a long-term partnership with the Physical Therapy Department and Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine. A distinguished faculty of orthopedic surgeons, physical therapists, and athletic trainers will present recent advances in orthopedic and sports injuries. More than 80 physical therapists from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend.

November 2006

- Kathie Nunley, Ed.D., will present a workshop, "Layered Curriculum and Brain Based Learning," on Nov. 29 for teachers and other school professionals. She will also offer an evening program for parents, "Your Child's Brain: How it Works," Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Cost for the evening program is \$9.