Lesley College Today

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Lesley Speaks!

◘ Expressive Media Inc. and the Creative Arts Therapies Center are co-hosting and sponsoring a major event in NYC this Fall, where **Rachel Brandoff** is a featured speaker. The event is called the Expressive Therapies Summit: Times Square, and takes place from November 12-15, 2010. (http://summit.expressivemedia.org/)
You can see Rachel listed on this page below under Featured Faculty. (http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=19&e=caea71ec-7ccb-44a6-ac31-8f83fada5489)

This event pulls together practitioners and pioneers in many different fields including art therapy, music therapy, drama therapy, dance/movement therapy, psychodrama, poetry therapy, social work, non-clinical arts in healthcare, and arts in education. This conference is bringing together department of health officials as well as front line clinical practitioners to better know how the arts can be healing, life enhancing, stimulating, meditative, and so much more.

The Summit is open to the public so students, faculty, and others from the Lesley Community are welcome to attend. Students interested in learning more about the creative arts therapies fields can volunteer at the Summit as a way of attending some of the proceedings for free. Rachel is excited to be among less than two dozen art therapists world wide to be invited or accepted to teach at the Summit.

◘ **Mary Dockray-Miller** gave a speech at this Fall's Convocation. A copy of her Convocation speech can be found Here (http://www.lesley.edu/lc/profile-assets/mary_dockray-miller_convocation_speech_2010.pdf).

Teacher / Scholars…

◘ The new Biographical Encyclopedia of American Radio, edited by Christopher Sterling and Cary O'Dell, has just come out. This is a major scholarly work, published by Routledge, and used by broadcast and print historians (professors, researchers, etc) nation-wide. **Donna Halper** has the privilege to have six essays in it. Donna is thanked in the introduction in two places (and her Lesley affiliation is mentioned). They thanked her for doing ground-breaking research on unsung or forgotten women and African-Americans in radio history, and for expanding what has previously been a mainly white, male, corporate focus on the study of broadcasting. (Several of the essays are about African-American pioneer broadcasters, and the rest are about women broadcasters.)

Donna also completed the manuscript for her 5th book, to be published by Arcadia Press. It is a pictorial history of Boston radio, 1920-2010, and it should be out in early 2011.

◘ **Krystal Demaine**, instructor of expressive arts therapies, published a collaborative paper with Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for the Brain Research Bulletin, April 2010, entitled "From Music Making to Speaking: Engaging the Mirror Neuron System in Autism". In addition, Krystal presented her doctoral research entitled "The relative role of melody and rhythm in music therapy for two boys with autism" at the International Music Cognition and Perception Conference in Seattle, WA, this past August 2010.

◘ **Mary Dockray-Miller** gave a paper titled "Judith of Flanders in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle" at the Cambridge International Chronicles Symposium in Cambridge UK this past July.

◘ **Angela Vierling-Claassen** had a paper published in the October issue Mathematics Journal titled "Who Does the Housework?" Angela also gave a plenary talk at the August Bridges Math, Art, and Architecture conference titled "Mathematical Models and Modern Art in the Early 20th Century ". Both works can be found on her website: http://angelavc.wordpress.com/

Community Leadership…

◘ **Linda Brion-Meisels** and her husband, Steven, will be honored by the Community Dispute Settlement Center of Cambridge at their Spirit of Mediation Annual Gala on October 15th. They are being recognized for the work they do in the areas of peace-making and social justice issues here and abroad. They have appreciated, and learned from, their two decade collaboration with members of the Peaceable Schools and Communities Group at Lesley University. In addition, the University has helped to support Linda's travel to Colombia and Israel/Palestine where the couple has worked with others to make schools more peaceable places for all.

International Education…

◘ **Claire Carroll**, Lesley College's International Studies coordinator, has worked hard all year long to increase the number of places our students can study abroad. Last year more than 40 Lesley and Art Institute of Boston (AIB) students studied abroad in places such as South Africa, India, Israel, Cambodia, Ecuador, Mexico, and New Zealand. To make the best possible use of international education, students must learn a language and pursue a proficiency in that language when in-country. Please encourage all students to gain language proficiencies and to form language communities as a way to advance their career opportunities, world citizenship, and intercultural awareness. Student scholarships and Lesley faculty-led study abroad courses are available.

Lesley Moves…

◘ LC Admissions is proud to announce the promotion of **Kate Kalber** to Senior Assistant Director. In her new role, Kate will expand her incredible leadership of the Lesley University Admissions Ambassadors focusing on outreach to our prospective students via phones and the internet, tours, and the challenge of "creating the visit experience" well before folks arrive on campus.

Additionally, LC Admissions is pleased to welcome **Heather Zeman** as our newest Admissions Counselor. Heather comes to us from Providence College where she had extensive experience as a member of their Admissions team, most notably, Student Coordinator of social media outreach.

Finally, **Josh Civiello**, who joined the Admissions office with the charge to bring forward co-education, has moved to a part-time position with Grad Admissions. Josh has begun the internship phase of his master's program and is interning in a high school guidance office in New Hampshire. Josh worked closely with marketing during his time with us and wrote extensively for the web and other publications. We miss him – but know he will be an amazing high school guidance counselor!

◘ It is such a pleasure to welcome new and returning faculty, staff, and students to Lesley College. Returning from highly productive sabbaticals are **Katherine Barone** and **David Morimoto**. Over the summer, six job searches were concluded. Joining Lesley College are five new faculty members and one administrator. **David Goodman** - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Division of Psychology and Applied Therapies); **Bryan Brophy-Baermann** - Assistant Professor of Political Science (Division of Social Science); **Rachel Brandoff** - Instructor of Art Therapy (Division of Psychology and Applied Therapies); **Cheryl La Monica** - Assistant Professor of Business Management (Division of Business Management & Communication); **Diana Direiter** - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Division of Psychology and Applied Therapies); and **Deborah Wright**, Director of the Center for Adult Learners.

Please send submissions for the December issue of Lesley Today
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