Negative thinking a risk factor for depression

Some more vulnerable to pessimism than others

CAROL C. BRADLEY, FOR NDWORKS

Psychology professor Gerald Haeffel’s research study on cognitive styles and depression made headlines earlier this spring.

“It got a lot of media attention,” he says. “And nearly every headline was wrong. Depression isn’t contagious. You can’t ‘catch it.’”

What the study, conducted by Haeffel and undergraduate student Jennifer Hames ’09, did reveal is that negative cognitive styles can affect vulnerability to depression. And negative thinking can rub off on others, making them more vulnerable to depression down the road.

“Think about two people who lose their job,” Haeffel says. “Why does one person get depressed and the other doesn’t? What does an event—a job loss or breakup—mean about you as a person? What does it mean for the future?”

Research has shown that those who interpret stressful life events as the result of factors they can’t change—or as a reflection of their own inadequacies—are more vulnerable to depression. This “cognitive vulnerability” is a risk factor for depression — and it’s predictive of those who are likely to experience a depressive episode in the future, even if they have never suffered from depression before.

So are we stuck with our cognitive styles? “For a long time, it looked as though thinking styles didn’t change that much between 13 and 50,” Haeffel says. But he theorized that cognitive styles could be malleable during major life transitions, when our environment is in flux.

The study, published in the journal Clinical Psychological Science in April, investigated the ways negative cognitive styles affect vulnerability to depression.

The study tracked 103 pairs of randomly assigned college roommates, all first-year students. During high school, little in the way of change was required from a lot of students. Many have the same familiar home environment, the same homeroom, the same friends they had for years.

“But college is a big event,” Haeffel notes. “It gets you out of your comfort zone. In college, your roommate is a randomly assigned stranger. You have a new cohort of friends in the dorm. You’ll influence others, and they’ll influence you. So it’s a time when you might see a shift in thinking styles.”

In Haeffel’s study, roommate pairs, during their first month on campus completed a questionnaire that measured their cognitive vulnerability and depressive symptoms. They completed the same questionnaire three months and six months later, in addition to completing a measure of stressful life events.

The findings confirmed Haeffel’s hypothesis—that those rooming with someone with high levels of “cognitive vulnerability” were likely to “catch” their roommate’s cognitive style and develop higher levels of cognitive vulnerability themselves.

Those with a roommate with low levels of cognitive vulnerability experienced decreases in their own levels. The effect was noted at both the three- and six-month assessments.

“The changes weren’t dramatic,” Haeffel cautions. “Both positive and negative styles rub off. You might become a little more negative or positive. But little shifts still predict depressive symptoms in the future. Those who were more sad or blue in the assessments had more symptoms in the future. But the goal is not to distance yourself from a roommate, friend or family member. The goal is to be aware that others’ pessimistic thought patterns could put you at risk, and risk factors are contagious.”

But keep in mind that a cognitive style doesn’t necessarily mean you’re depressed, he notes. Thinking styles are a risk factor, not a diagnosis.

“So is it possible to change dysfunctional, pessimistic thinking patterns?”

“Our findings suggest that cognitive vulnerability has the potential to war and wipe out the goal of thinking time depending on the social context—which means that cognitive vulnerability should be thought of as plastic rather than immutable.”

Scientifically based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is one type of therapy that helps people change dysfunctional emotions, behaviors and thought processes. Begin with something as simple as paying attention to the environment and adding more people in your life with a positive style. “Think of them as role models,” Haeffel says. “What types of thoughts are the people around you having? Look at their Facebook and Twitter. Look for people with more adaptive styles.”

Psychologist Martin Seligman’s theories suggest that depression is learned helplessness.”

“But if you’re someone who become depressed and sad, and ruminate endlessly on major life stressors, it can make you feel worse—like nothing’s going to get better, and there’s nothing you can do about it.”

Interventions with CBT and other techniques such as meditation can teach us to become more resilient.

“We can develop new patterns that help life’s stresses roll off more easily. CBT is the most effective treatment for depression,” he says. “It’s just as effective as medication. We’re giving you skills—a new way of thinking.”

“Notice how you’re feeling. If you’ve said, what are you thinking? What you’re taught in therapy is to evaluate things. Are you 100 percent sure things will ‘never’ be any better?”

What’s the evidence for and against? Catch your negative thoughts and write them down—learn how to identify negative thinking patterns and work to change them. Substitute overly black-and-white thinking for something more realistic.

It’s also something to pay attention to raising children, he adds. When praising children, our instinct is to pick up on personality traits—saying, “Oh, you’re so cute,” or “You’re so smart,” for example. Instead, praise effort. A child praised for effort will think—in the face of a bad grade—“I should have worked harder,” not, “I’m just stupid.”

Many of these strategies can be taught, and evaluated, Haeffel says. “But sometimes it takes a therapist. Your thoughts are very automatic. You don’t notice your thoughts, even though they may be affecting your mood. If you tend to ruminate on things, you can change that pattern in therapy.”

To learn more about CBT, visit the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapists, abct.org, which includes a list of therapists.

Depression isn’t contagious—but negative (and positive) thinking styles can influence others.
Irish Health, the annual faculty/staff wellness fair, takes place from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. There will be food, prizes, wellness classes, benefit information and more. You’ll also have the opportunity to complete your health screening and BBQ.

BOOK CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HESBURGH LIBRARY

Words of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of the Hesburgh Library’s Message, Mural, and Meaning, by Bill Schmitt (pages, $35), has been released by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The book celebrates the Hesburgh Library and its 50 years as a place of evolving service, powerful symbolism and collaboration. It tells the story of the library in terms of its meaning to all those who designed it, helped it come into being, imbued it with a distinctive identity and pointed it toward the future.

The text by Schmitt, communication specialist for the Alliance toward the future, is one of the 13 other researchers from around the world who will receive $10,000 each for top-rated curricula and research that mix business and technical skills. The latest report focuses on growth, collaboration and service. As the largest employer in St. Joseph County, Notre Dame’s spending on goods, services and construction—plus student and visitor spending—creates thousands more local jobs.

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NEW ROLE FOR KRAEMER

Ronald D. Kraemer, vice president and CIO, is taking on added responsibilities for digital technology. While he retains leadership of the Office of Information Technologies, he will take the new title of Vice President and Chief Information and Digital Officer. In the new role, he will convene an executive digital oversight committee to assist him in this new area, charged with ensuring coordination, appropriate technological infrastructure and support.

Check evp.nd.edu for a list of topics that will be covered at the Fall Town Hall meetings and to submit your questions in advance.

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Campus celebrates annual Feast of St. Francis

will present a talk titled “Long Environmentalism” in Room 101 of DeBartolo Hall. Banerjee is an award-winning photographer, author, activist and scientist who has exhibited across the United States, Europe, Australia and Mexico. Banerjee’s books include “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land” (2003) and “Arctic Voices: Resistance at the Tipping Point” (2012). The talk is sponsored by the Society for Literature, Science and the Arts.

Notre Dame’s Feast of St. Francis program got its start in 2010 as a follow-up to Renewing the Campus, the University’s landmark 2009 conference on sustainability in Catholic higher education. The following year, it became a model for Catholic campuses across the country when it was showcased at the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. “Notre Dame recognizes that it is not only the school’s carbon footprint that matters, but also those who are impacted by its carbon footprint, especially the poor and vulnerable at home and abroad.”

This year’s Feast of St. Francis comes at a time of increasing concern for the health of the planet but also of renewed inspiration in the Catholic community. Pope Francis has clearly demonstrated that he intends to lead the Church in the footsteps of his namesake, who was known for his love for nature and the poor. “I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill,” said Francis in one of his first homilies as Pope. “Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

Making sustainability a priority

BY RACHEL NOVICK, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

All members of the campus community are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of the environment, on Friday, Oct. 4. A special Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:35 p.m. that day. Dinner at North and South Dining Halls will feature a nature-themed dessert buffet in honor of the Feast Day, generously provided by ND Food Services. At 8 p.m., Subhankar Banerjee will present a talk titled “Long Environmentalism” in Room 101 of DeBartolo Hall. Banerjee is an award-winning photographer, author, activist and scientist who has exhibited across the United States, Europe, Australia and Mexico. Banerjee’s books include “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land” (2003) and “Arctic Voices: Resistance at the Tipping Point” (2012). The talk is sponsored by the Society for Literature, Science and the Arts.

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In November 2012, au bon pain, a new express campus eatery, opened in the Hesburgh Library. It was the result of a lot of hard work from a very dedicated and creative team with members from several different areas across campus.

Notre Dame Food Services, the Hesburgh Library, University Relations and the Office of Facilities Design and Operations collaborated on the project, which provided renewed vigor to a lounge area in the Hesburgh Library.

Faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus have enjoyed au bon pain’s fresh dining concept (rated No. 3 in the top 10 healthiest fast food chains by health.com). Also popular are the coffee barista station, bakery and the “grab and go” section requested by the student body. Indoor and outdoor seating has been added.

By coming together to mutually support and execute a long-held Library goal, this cross-functional group demonstrated the University’s core values of teamwork and leadership in excellence by completing the project on time and within budget.

Team Members include:

Ross Ferguson  Ahalah Dixon  Eric Seto
Jessica Keayno  Diane Parr Walker  Mike Daily
Linda Sharp  Mark Ring  John Bynum
Marcha Stevenson  Mike Davy  Beth Layman
Jean McManus  Jim Edwards  Justin Kirtich
Janney Bontrager-Singer  Chuck Schnur

‘Saving for College Week’ highlights importance of planning

Upcoming programs will help answer questions

BY SUE LISTER, INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND DEE DEE STERLING, HUMAN RESOURCES

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." — Benjamin Franklin

When it comes to saving for a college education, planning is key.

To help employees and alumni with post-secondary education planning, several departments on campus have joined together to present Saving for College Week, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 25.

A collaboration between the Finance Division along with Human Resources, Enrollment Division and Alumni Association, Saving for College Week will feature lunch-and-learn and evening presentations, a webinar and a question and answer session. Presenters include:

Nancy Farmer, president of the Tuition Plan Consortium, a not-for-profit organization that was formed to establish a prepaid tuition 529 option designed specifically by and for private colleges and universities. Notre Dame is a participant in the Private College 529 Plan.

Other presenters include:

Tom Bear, executive director of Student Financial Strategies; Joe Russo, former director of student financial strategies; Jim Malloy, community relations program coordinator for the Office of Financial Aid; Maureen Wildey, benefits program manager in Human Resources; Kelli Kc Klander, assistant director of Financial Aid; Michael Riemke, associate director of Financial Aid; and Noah Emeny, student financial aid counselor.

"As an institution of higher learning, we feel it is our responsibility to offer guidance to our employees and alumni about the financial alternatives available to help them pay for a college education," said John Sejdinaj, vice president of finance. "There are a variety of ways to fund a college education, and our experts will be able to explain the details of all options."

Most families pay for college using a combination of sources that may include savings, current income, financial aid, grants and pre-paid tuition plans. Full-time faculty and staff at the University who meet the eligibility requirements have the added advantage of the Educational Benefit Program. The program provides a tuition benefit for their child or children attending Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College or another four-year accredited college or university, however, families should consider saving for any remaining tuition, along with room and board, books, etc.

"It’s important for employees with young children to understand the University’s education benefit and how to supplement that benefit with personal savings," said Wildey.

"With the proper knowledge and an action plan, families can lighten the future financial impact of paying for college."

One key component to a college savings strategy is a 529 plan, which allows individuals to save for their children and other relatives such as grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Authorized by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, all states offer at least one 529 savings plan.

Notre Dame participates in the Private College 529 Plan, a prepaid tuition plan sponsored by more than 270 private colleges across the country. Participants in the Private College 529 Plan get tomorrow’s tuition at today’s prices for up to 30 years after it was purchased, and the increase in value is tax-free. Account owners pay no fees, so 100 percent of any contributions go toward the purchase of tuition.

For more information about Saving for College Week, contact Mary Scott in the Office of Budget and Planning at 631-9137 or email sav4coll@nd.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Lunch and Learn noon – 1 p.m. (LaFortune Student Center, Notre Dame Room)

This presentation will include the importance of creating a plan for saving for college; provide an overview of various savings options, focusing on 529 plans; and discuss how these savings plans can work with the Notre Dame Education Benefit. Attendees should bring their lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Evening Education Session 6 – 7 p.m. (Eck Visitors’ Center)

This 60-minute presentation will include the importance of creating a plan for saving for college; provide an overview of various savings options, focusing on 529 plans; and discuss how these savings plans can work with the Notre Dame Education Benefit. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Thursday, Sept. 26

Live Online Presentation 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

This 40-minute presentation will include the importance of creating a plan for saving for college; provide an overview of various savings options, focusing on 529 plans; and discuss how these savings plans work with Financial Aid. To register, please email sav4coll@nd.edu.

Friday, Sept. 27

Drop-in Question and Answer Session 2 – 3:45 p.m. (121 Main Building)

Staff will be available to answer questions on the importance of creating a plan for saving for college; various college savings options, specifically 529 plans; and how savings plans work with Financial Aid. This is a drop-in question and answer event. Representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, the Private College 529 Plan and the Finance Division will be available to answer questions. Brochures and summary resources will also be provided.
Center for Civil and Human Rights marks 40th anniversary

Changing the world, one human rights lawyer at a time

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

The Center for Civil and Human Rights (CCHR) in the Law School, founded in 1973 by then-President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., marks its 40th anniversary this year.

Father Hesburgh, a charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, through 1973, when he launched the CCHR with a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Since that time, the Center has led the effort to educate law students, lawyers and the community at large concerning human rights issues throughout the world through teaching programs, publications and research.

The academic program takes a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on the perspectives and resources of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Mendoza College of Business and other departments.

The Center offers two degree programs, the J.S.D. Program in International Human Rights, designed for those who intend to teach and do research at the university level, and the LL.M. Program in International Human Rights, granted toward lawyers from outside the U.S. interested in specialized research and study in international human rights law.

The CCHR marks another milestone this year—the 27th class of students in the LL.M. program, notes, Sean O’Brien, assistant director of the Center and LL.M. program director.

In the late 1980s in South Africa, O’Brien says, Father Hesburgh had a conversation with Juris Richard J. Goldstone, asking what role the University could play in the transition away from apartheid.

“Educate our lawyers,” Goldstone replied.

In 1988, the first year of the one-year graduate program, all the students were South African. This year, participants include lawyers from Uzbekistan, Iran, Pakistan, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Mongolia, Zimbabwe, Albania, China, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Peru, Egypt, Kenya and the U.S. Most international students are supported by full scholarships.

The program, says O’Brien, was founded with the intent of educating lawyers from countries where they’re doing front-line human rights work. Since the Law School began offering the degree, more than 300 lawyers from 85 countries have graduated from the program.

“Others I wouldn’t have been able to come here and study”

For Egyptian national Mostafa Shaat, this is also his first visit to the U.S.—in fact, his first trip outside Egypt. After graduating with a law degree from Ain Shams University in Cairo, he worked with a number of Egyptian human rights groups and political think tanks. He was also a member of a number of youth awareness movements that emerged after the 2011 uprising.

At Notre Dame, Shaat says, “The campus is gorgeous, and the community is diverse. There are people here from everywhere in the world.” After his studies, he says, “I will do my best to serve society. It’s a great chance to benefit the society and the people, to help them fight for their rights and freedoms.”

In early September, the incoming class, faculty and guests gathered at a reception in McKenna Hall to mark the start of the CCHR’s 40th anniversary year. Father Hesburgh welcomed, as he does to every year, and welcomed each student personally.

Father Hesburgh offered brief remarks, beginning with words from the Constitution. “Wonderful words,” he noted. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men—and women—are created equal. Notre Dame is proud of you and what you do at home, and we hope you can do it better with the experience of the Law School. You are in my prayers every day.”

At top: The iconic photo of Father Hesburgh and Martin Luther King, Jr., taken on July 21, 1964, at a civil rights rally at Soldier Field in Chicago. Father Hesburgh, King and others sing “We Shall Overcome.”

Above: A reception in McKenna Hall marked the beginning of the CCHR’s 40th anniversary year.

At left: Mostafa Shaat with Father Hesburgh.
Fighting Irish Digital Media continues ND tradition

Football Yearbook available as iPad app

BY BRENDAN O’SHAUGHNESSY,
PUBLIC INFORMATION

Fighting Irish Digital Media (FIDM) may be using the latest technology to deliver vast quantities of Notre Dame content to a fan base that never seems satiated, but Senior Associate Athletic Director Dan Skendzel says his team is continuing a long tradition of using athletics for a greater purpose.

Knute Rockne put a small Midwestern Catholic school on the national map by barnstorming the country and appealing to new immigrants with a never-quit attitude against the established powers. More recently, Notre Dame’s long-running contract with NBC to televise home football games has funneled about $80 million into financial aid that has helped more than 6,000 students attend the University.

Skendzel says FIDM was created to tell the Notre Dame story through the lens of athletics and also to test pilot the University’s ability to create, distribute and store more digital content than ever before. Use of this modern technology can bypass traditional media gatekeepers and bring the brand and message directly to the audience.

“We’re trying to leverage athletics to support the educational and faith-based mission of the University,” he says. “We understand that athletics can be a first mover in digital media because it satisfies that fan craving for content. But how can we tell people who only know us for football about our institutional values—education, faith, tradition, community and excellence? That’s our ultimate goal.”

Two new initiatives this season will demonstrate FIDM’s ability to test pilot applications with broad potential. One is a new video platform that will be optimized for mobile devices. Fans can watch games, get highlights and more at watch.ndtv. The smartphone and tablet app versions will be launched later this fall.

The second is a new iPad app for football content that includes an interactive version of the football yearbook as well as the digital equivalent of game programs, including the usual recaps and previews, but also interactive and video content not possible on paper. It is available on the iTunes App Store by searching “Notre Dame Athletics.”

“It’s like a digital magazine,” says Tim O’Connor, a designer for FIDM. “Ideally, you could have it on your lap during the game to look up information.”

One immediate benefit of the investment in equipment at FIDM is the ability to more efficiently edit and store content. A new online video storage platform allows recording directly into the editing equipment, cutting down on the usual time to ingest, edit and catalog content. This upgrade allows football highlights to be posted about 20 minutes after the game, compared to the two to three hours it used to take. And it makes it easier to find clips that used to be stored on different computers or even USB drives.

Blue Mass

The 13th annual Blue Mass for police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and their families will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. President Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., will preside and preach at the Mass.

Named for the predominant color of uniforms worn by officers in police and fire departments nationwide, the Blue Mass was first celebrated at Notre Dame as the traditional “month’s mind” Mass for the victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and for the police officers, firefighters and rescue workers who died while serving and protecting others.

Since then it has been celebrated annually to honor and pray for all who serve public safety. People of all denominations and faith traditions are welcome to participate.

Representatives of the police and fire departments throughout the region will attend the Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the Rotunda of the Main Building.
Christopher Ball
Assistant professor, anthropology

Interests: Language, semiotics of culture; politics of communication; Amazonia, Japan

Course(s): Fundamentals of Linguistic Design; Language and Power; Language and Power; Language and Culture

Recent position/institution: Assistant professor of anthropology, MacEwan University; McKennan Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College

Education: Ph.D., M.A., University of Chicago; B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara

Why Notre Dame: I chose to come to Notre Dame because of its commitment to undergraduate education and research. I am especially excited to be joining Notre Dame just as the Anthropology Department launches a new Ph.D. program. The collegial and supportive environment, as well as the spirit of inquiry, makes this department and this campus an ideal place to pursue my intellectual career.

Emily Beck
Assistant professional specialist, foundations coordinator, art, art history and art conservation

Interests: Digital video; sound and photography; creating visual experiences of emotional vulnerability; unverbalized understandings; systems of belief; methods of connection and understanding

Course(s): Two-Dimensional Design; Three-Dimensional Design

Recent position/institution: Instructor, Meredith College

Education: M.F.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; B.A., Meredith College

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted by the position—to lead and develop a strong foundations program in the Department of Art, History and Design. The department’s interest in enriching the foundations classes demonstrates its dedication to providing an excellent education for art and design students. That vision and focus brought me here.

Kimberly Belcher
Assistant professor, theology

Interests: Intergenerational and liturgical theology; Eucharistic theology; sexual studies; Trinitarian theology; and liturgical participation

Course(s): Sacramental and Liturgical Theology doctoral seminar; University Seminar in Foundations of Theology

Recent position/institution: Assistant professor at the College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University in Minnesota

Education: Ph.D., M.T.S., Notre Dame; B.S., University of Florida

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame has made great contributions to liturgical theology through the conversations among faculty and its impact on students. I was honored to be asked to continue this tradition through my teaching and research.

Anne Berry
Assistant professional specialist, art, art history, design

Interests: Environmental graphic design; design curriculum in secondary education

Course(s): Typographer: Environmental Graphic Design; Professional Practice

Recent position/institution: Visiting assistant professor, Notre Dame

Education: M.F.A., Kent State University; B.A., Goshen College

Why Notre Dame: Much of my professional interest and focus has been on extending my M.F.A. thesis work in the area of environmental graphics through wayfinding and exhibit design. Given this interest, the close relationship that is fostered between visual communication design and industrial design at Notre Dame—that is, the connection between two-dimensional components and three-dimensional forms—has been a good fit. An emphasis on design for social good, additionally, a characteristic that set the program apart and has strengthened my appreciation for the kind of design education student receive.

Peter Casarella
Associate professor, theology

Interests: Latin/A’s theological aesthetics; medieval mysticism

Course(s): Foundations of Theology; God of the People: A Latin/A’s Theology

Recent position/institution: Professor of Catholic Studies and director, Center for World Catholicism and Interdisciplinary Theology, DePaul University

Education: Ph.D., M.A., B.A., Yale University

Why Notre Dame: I feel privileged to join such a distinguished and internationally recognized body of scholars and teachers. My goal is coming to Notre Dame is to help to train the next generation of Latin/A’s theologians for the Church, the academy and society.

Christopher Chowrimootoo
Instructor, Program of Liberal Studies

Recent position/institution: Early Career Fellow in Opera Studies, Oxford Brookes University

Education: Ph.D., A.M., Harvard University; M.S., B.A., Oxford University

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame by its commitment to promoting and supporting research at the highest level. Moreover, as someone whose research seeks to situate music in a variety of different, intellectual, literary, and cultural contexts, as well as to imagine that music forefathers in the Program of Liberal Studies.

Susan Collins
Associate professor, political science

Interests: Classical political philosophy; history of political thought; ancient founding and constitutionalism

Course(s): Freedom and Empire in Classical Perspective

Recent position/institution: Associate professor and Ross M. Lemon Distinguished Teaching Chair, University of Virginia

Education: Ph.D., Boston College; M.A., B.A., University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame because of its distinctive mission as a top-flight Catholic university and its corresponding commitment to the Classical tradition.

Jesus Cestértamo
Assistant professor, English

Interests: American literature and film; macabre; theories of race and ethnicity; visual culture; aesthetics of materiality

Course(s): American Modernism; Urban Ruin in Literature and Film

Recent position/institution: Moreau postdoctoral fellow, Notre Dame

Education: Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley; B.A., University of California, Davis

Why Notre Dame: As a Moreau fellow for the past two years, I have witnessed the strong social conscience and community ethos that makes Notre Dame such an exceptional place for both teaching and research. I am thrilled to continue working with scholars and students from across the University, and I am especially excited by the University’s ongoing commitment to diversity in thought, background and expertise.

Sarah Daly Zuckerman
Assistant professor, political science

Interests: Civil wars and peace; organized crime; state-building; ethnic politics with a regional focus on Latin America

Recent position/institution: Visiting assistant professor, Political Science and Political Economy Program, Stanford University

Education: Ph.D., M.A., Stanford University; B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Why Notre Dame: I was drawn to Notre Dame because of its large and very strong faculty working in my research areas (Latin America and peace/security studies). The Kelling and Knie institutions are testimony to this. I was excited about having many excellent colleagues with whom to collaborate and from whom to gain feedback. I was also drawn by the caliber and dedication of the Notre Dame students and the collegial nature of the Political Science Department that respected methodological pluralism.

Kevin Donovan
Assistant professor, economics

Interests: Environmental economics development; macroeconomics

Course(s): Development Economics

Recent position/institution: Graduate student, Arizona State University

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame by its commitment to excellence in both teaching and research. In particular, the Department of Economics has built an incredibly collegial work environment and strong reputation for cutting-edge economic research.

Tannisha Fazal
Assistant professor, political science and peace studies, College of Arts and Letters

Interests: The relationship between state sovereignty and international law

Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, School of Policy Science, Saint Louis University

Education: Ph.D., M.S., Arizona State University; B.S., Bentley College

Why Notre Dame: I chose to come to Notre Dame for its rich intellectual culture, brilliant student body, and strong school pride. I am thrilled and honored to be a part of this great institution.

Z’etoile Imma
Assistant professor, English

Interests: African and Caribbean literature, film and new media; postcolonial literature and theory; gender and sexuality

Course(s): Introduction to Literary Studies; African Women Writers; EngGendering the Black Atlantic

Recent position/institution: Moreau postdoctoral fellow, Notre Dame

Education: Ph.D., University of Virginia; B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Why Notre Dame: I am thrilled to join a dynamic, renowned and collegial department. It is a wonderful challenge to work alongside bright and engaged students of Notre Dame.
Assistant professor, philosophy
Interests: Epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion, metaphysics, early modern European thought
Course(s): Pragmatic Encroachment
Recent position/institution: Graduate student, Rutgers University
Education: Ph.D., Rutgers University; M.A., Northern Illinois University; B.A., Wheaton College
Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame has an outstanding philosophy department. I can now count as colleagues many of the most influential philosophers in the field, where I work

István Máté
Assistant professor, sociology
Interests: Modern Islamic thought; interreligious relations; Qur’anic studies; political theology
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral research associate, Notre Dame
Education: Ph.D., University of Chicago; M.A., University of California, Los Angeles; LL.B., LL.M., International Islamic University, Pakistan
Why Notre Dame: As a scholar interested in interreligious issues, I think that there is no better place to pursue my studies. During my wonderful experience as a postdoctoral fellow over the past year, Notre Dame has proven to be an excellent academic community.

Elye Spats
Assistant professional specialist, art, art history and design
Interests: Contemporary art history; gender studies; media studies
Course(s): Art, Vision, and Difference; University Seminar; Honors Seminar
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral fellow, Notre Dame
Education: Ph.D., M.A., Brown University; B.A.; Notre Dame
Why Notre Dame: Since I was an undergraduate here, I have found Notre Dame to be a special place. I particularly love working with the students, who always express enthusiasm and intellectual interest in the face of new subjects and ideas.

Thomaz Tweed
Assistant professional specialist, Portuguese
Interests: English and American fiction; pragmatics; heritage language teaching and creative cross-disciplinary research
Yezihe You
Associate professor, sociological studies
Interests: Intercultural pragmatics; heritage language development and maintenance; content-based language education; and Korean for specific purpose
Course(s): First Year Korean I; Second Year Korean I
Recent position/institution: Lecturer in Korean Language and Culture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Education: Ph.D., M.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa; B.S., Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea
Why Notre Dame: I chose Notre Dame because of its history, immense resources and commitment to the liberal arts in undergraduate education; it is one of the best places in the world to be...
Victoria Goodrich
Assistant professor, civil and environmental engineering and earth sciences
Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, Georgia Tech
Course(s): Geotechnical Engineering

Sergi Roureix
Research associate professor, electrical engineering
Interests: Electron microscopy; materials science; nanotechnology
Course(s): Transmission Electron Microscopy

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Kimberly Bolling
Assistant professor, Architecture
Recent position/institution: Graduate research assistant, Cornell University
Education: Ph.D., Cornell University; B.Arch., Notre Dame
Why Notre Dame: I joined the Notre Dame community because of its commitment to leadership in research, education and social responsibility. The School of Architecture offers a unique opportunity to not only teach and practice traditional architectural education, but also to research.

George Mavroeidis
Assistant professor, civil and environmental engineering and earth sciences
Interests: Engineering seismology; earthquake engineering, structural dynamics; structural mechanics
Course(s): Geotechnical Engineering

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

S. M. Niaz Afroz
Research specialist, computer science and engineering
Interests: Data warehousing; agent-based modeling & simulation; geographic information systems; epidemiology; seismology
Recent position/institution: Graduate student, Notre Dame
Education: Ph.D., Notre Dame; M.S., University of Southern California; B.S., Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
Why Notre Dame: I have been working in the Vector Ecology and Control Network (VECNet) Project for the past two years, and my current research completely matches the project objective. In addition, I enjoy the professional relationship with my supervisor, Dr. Gregory W. lower, and the team at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Nicole Achter
Research associate professor
Interests: Theoretical and experimental research on the control of musculoskeletal development
Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Education: Ph.D., University of Michigan; B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison
Why Notre Dame: I have always felt a strong connection to Notre Dame because of its commitment to academic and scholarly excellence, the mission of the faculty, the quality and diversity of the student body, and the prestige of the university.

Earl Carter
Assistant professor, physics
Interests: Plasmas science
Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, Virginia Commonwealth University; B.Sc., University of Guelph
Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame because of its strong research programs and the opportunity to conduct research.

Daniel Bardayan
Assistant professor, physics
Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, University of Minnesota
Why Notre Dame: I have always been impressed by the research opportunities at Notre Dame and the opportunity to conduct research.

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Maxime Broderer
Assistant professor, physics
Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison; B.Sc., University of Western Ontario
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Manuel Coulter  
Assistant professor, physics  
Nuclear physics, applications (isotope production, imaging, etc.); nuclear astrophysics; nuclear physics in plasma  
California Institute of Technology  
Why Notre Dame: I was attracted by the interdisciplinary research environment and a chance to be a part of a new and growing department.

Alan Lindsay  
Assistant professor, applied and computational mathematics and statistics  
Interests: Mathematical modeling; applied partial differential equations; computational mathematics  
University of Notre Dame  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Roya Ghiaseddin  
Associate professor, practice, applied mathematics and statistics  
Interests: Probability and statistics  
California State University, Chico  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Alexandra Jilkine  
Assistant professor, applied and computational mathematics and statistics  
Interests: Mathematical biology, image formation; nonlinear dynamics  
Florida State University  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Andrei Iouria  
Assistant professor, mathematics  
Interests: Number theory; representation theory; algebraic geometry  
University of Notre Dame  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Angeia Laws  
Assistant director of UNDERC-West  
Interests: Community ecology  
University of Notre Dame  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Law School  
Stephen Yelderman  
Associate professor, law  
Interests: Intellectual property; competition  
Course(s): Patent Law, Copyright  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Mendoza College of Business  
Irisd Adjerid  
Assistant professor, information technology and management  
Interests: Information theory; behavioral economics; online social networks; health information systems  
Course(s): Strategic IT  
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Idris Adjerid  
Assistant professor, information technology and management  
Interests: Information theory; behavioral economics; online social networks; health information systems  
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Marie Halvorsen-Ganepla  
Assistant professional specialist, management  
Interests: Willpower and persistence; cost self-evaluations; positive organizational behavior; general mental ability (intelligence); spirituality and resilience  
Course(s): Principles of Management  
Why Notre Dame: Why Notre Dame?

Shankar Ganesh  
Professor, marketing  
Interests: Inter-organizational relationships; marketing strategy; service failure and recovery; new product innovation; technology management  
Course(s): Customer Relationship Management  
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Joseph Holt  
Associate professional specialist, management  
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Keeping campus safe

Training put into use within a week

BY CAROL BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Late afternoon on one of the hottest Fridays of August, Brian Fremeau, director of Student Activities facilities, received a radio call from a LaVernita building student manager.

“It was the hottest point on a very hot day,” Fremeau says. “Our student building manager alerted me that there was someone in distress on the first floor, and she confirmed to me that she would be contacting the Notre Dame Security Police to respond.”

Only a week earlier, as part of orientation, Student Activities student building managers and desk workers—as well as professional staff—had undergone safety training with the NDFP and NDFD, including an protocol for handling emergencies.

“Only a week later, our student building manager was the first person present. She saw the woman looking distressed, and noticed she needed assistance. And called for help. We were glad that we had gone through the training so it was fresh in our minds, and in the minds of our student workers.”

Everyone did exactly what they were trained to do, says Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hoepner. “They were able to render immediate care, and activate EMS. The earlier intervention really helped the situation.”

Training also helped Hammes Bookstore staff render aid to two cardiac arrest victims this year, one in the fall during football season and another on Blue-Gold Game weekend.

NDFD personnel had trained bookstore staff, including running a mock code. Hoepner says, “We had their staff respond as they would in a real emergency, and we responded as we would. Since then, the bookstore has installed a public AED (automatic external defibrillator).”

The department is always available for training opportunities with staff, Hoepner adds. Contact NDFD (615-555-5) to ask about CPR training and AED training for those in buildings with a publicly available defibrillator. The department also offers fire extinguisher training.

INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

Francisco Avis Martinez-Jerez
Assistant professor, accounting
Interests: Performance measurement, management performance; corporate governance; accounting information and control systems for customer-centric strategies

Katie Worzak
Assistant professor, management
Interests: Supply chain risks and disruptions; organizational learning and knowledge; sourcing/procurement

Zheng Wang
Associate librarian, information access, resources and information technology
Interests: Social network analysis and information retrieval; Web applications; user experience and analytics; digital assets management

Erin Wibbens
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I N S T I T U T E S  A N D  C E N T E R S
Knights of Columbus events tradition by 70 years

The Knights of Columbus event was started by Coach Moose Krause to boost flagging attendance during World War II, is celebrating its 70th anniversary this season. The event is sponsored and staffed by the Santa Maria Council in South Bend, was for its first 20 years a cigar-smoking crowd of upwards of 1,000 men who heard talks from Notre Dame speakers, including the head football coach.

“Women didn’t go to the games back then,” says Knights of Columbus member Steve Filbert, who organized the events with his wife Mary (who retired from the University after 29 years of service in Pre-Professional Studies) for the past 15 years. “All the boys were going off to war. We were right in that mix to help save football. We’d have smokers where there were 1,500 to 2,000 people, I would estimate some of the last ones. You could hardly see the speaker for the smoke.”

Today, the smokers are (ironically) smoke-free, smaller and more diverse. They’re held in

- Sacred Heart Parish Center after the campus pep rally on Fridays before home games, usually with 75 to 100 people attending, although former Coach Ara Parseghian once attracted closer to 200.
- If “we’re winning, it gets better,” Steve says.

Speakers have included Blue & Gold editor Lon Somogyi, lacrosse coach Kevin Cargian, women’s basketball coach Muffet McGraw, swimmer Haley Scott DeMaria, football chaplain Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C., and former players such as Vagas Ferguson and Chris Stewart.

“Over the years we have provided speakers from opposing teams, sportswriters, authors, coaches, historians and our Notre Dame family,” says Steve, adding that one favorite was Assistant Band Director Larry Dwyer’s talk on the origins of the Notre Dame fight song.

“I liken it to a living room-type discussion because it’s very a laid-back group of good fans,” says Mary. “We’re as welcoming to the opposing teams when they’re there. I got two Notre Dame speakers from the Notre Dame family and one from the opposing team if I can get one.”

For example, Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, dean of the academic board of the U.S. Military Academy, revealed that he had won scholarships to both the academy and Notre Dame, choosing the academy despite the wishes of his uncle who was a priest.

More than a dozen Knights of Columbus volunteers set up the space and prepare the food, pulled pork, sausages and chips, maybe chill on a cold evening. Receipts from the event go to the Knights’ charity fund, which among other things supports the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to fight Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

The Filberts, who have bought a retirement home in Arizona, are handing-off responsibilities for the smoker after this season to Knights of Columbus member Tom Florkowski and his wife Marigrace. Like Steve, Tom is an Indiana University graduate whose connection with the smoker comes through the club.

The smokers are at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Fridays of home football games. Doors open at 7 p.m.; events start at 8 p.m., or after the pep rally. Admission is $5 and children under 12 are free. For more information, visit ndsmokers.com or gameday.nd.edu/events.

Heather L. Anderson and Mark R. Ulrich, Catering By Design
Conception Andrade, Erteboulegou Aquino, Cristina Chacon, Dana Lentz and Christine Taylor, Caterstial Services
Bernigh M. Brown, Investment Office
Paul J. Browne, OPAC
Sandra Bruen, Cafe De Grasta
Milan Budhathoki and Sandra Gesing, Center for Research Computing
Christiane Buessard, OPAC

NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in August:

- Angelina Johnson, Alumni Association
- Sarah Jawick, Archives
- Quinn D. Kilpatrick and Clinton B. Smith, Naval Science
- Paul J. Kim, Procurement Services
- Thomas J. Kingsbury, Psychology
- Melanie L. Kunst, University Health Services
- Michael A. Mercurio, Campus Ministry
- Joseph P. Miller and Jordan C. Ray
- Compton Family Ice Arena
- Hermandela Powell, Theology
- Rachel M. Roseberry, Robinson Community Learning Center
- Victoria Scheid, Career Center
- Kathleen Schuler, Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement
- Marta A. Stepen, Student Development and Wellness
- Jill M. Svetz, Shared Services
- Billie J. Van Kirk, Housing
- Ryan H. Von Gunten, Women’s Swimming and Diving
- Kristi L. Wiplickosch, Kellogg Institute
- Jaime Zarafonitis, Alliance for Catholic Education

Smokers now smokeless, but still a lot of fun

Knights of Columbus events

50 years
John J. Kennedy, Marketing
William H. Leahy, Economics

45 years
Andrew J. Weigert, Sociology

40 years
Karl F. Andreasen and James P. Steele, Philosophy
Joseph P. Baun, Law School
Duluth W. Ferey, English
William J. Keeney, Art, Art History, and Design
Wendy C. Schleer, Archives
Laurence R. Taylor, Mathematics
Eugene C. Ulrich, Theology
Oliver E. Williams, Management

35 years
Barry P. Keating, Finance
A. Eugene Livingston, Physics
John E. Smithkln, Law School
Teresa A. Wehby, Law Library

30 years
Bruce A. Bunker, Michael A. McFarland and Kathie E. Newman, Physics
William R. Casey, Archives
Kevin J. Christianso, Sociology
Michael Dreifelsen and Stephen W. Watson, Philosophy
Ronald L. Dokes, Food Services
Paul A. Down, Art, Art History, and Design

25 years
Theodora K. Bergland, Physics
Ross W. Ferguson and Linda A. Sharp, Central Resources
Joseph F. Franco, EIS – Application Services
David C. Hoover, Central Receiving
Paola A. Horne, College of Engineering
Janet L. O’Toole, Accountancy
Sherry D. Reichold, Classics

20 years
Paula E. Benningshoff and Amy J. Cabanaw, Catholic Services
Derrick R. Chambless, Security
Johnna L. Grenier-Tuff, Accounts Payable
Shari L. Herman, Physics
Janice M. Poorman, Theology
Mary Frances E. Proctor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Patricia A. Tubicsak, Food Services

15 years
Erik D. White, Archives
Elizabeth A. Dube, Central Resources
Delfina Juarez, Custodial Services
Sina Cram, Recreks
Linda L. Revolinsky, Land O’Lakes
In-Sung Shag, Center for Research Computing
Matthew C. Thuruthiyil, Joyce Center Housekeeping
Thomas C. Thuruthiyil, Food Services

10 years
Cindy A. Barnett, Legends
Laura Bellis, MBA Program
Bethany S. Cockburn, Management
Diana J. Dickson, College of Arts and Letters
M. Jean Gorman, Philanthropic Advisor
Michael Low, Licensing
Patrick R. O’Connor, Financial Aid
Amica Micou, Registrar
Jeffrey Miller, Athletics
John P. O’Callaghan, Philosophy
Nhu K. Uong-Vu, Food Services

Why ND?: a site aimed at attracting top talent to the University launched in August.

After conducting research in 2011-12 to explore the attitudes and career motivation of prospective faculty from premier universities, University Communications worked with other campus partners to create a compelling site that demonstrates a wide range of Notre Dame faculty perspectives.

The site (why.nd.edu) features Notre Dame faculty from a variety of disciplines and career stages enjoying writings both on campus and in the region. Photos taken by Barbara Johnston, university photographer, showcase the attractions of campus and the region. Site topics include information on the site’s scholastic and global mission, faculty, and the attributes of faculty, and information on perks and benefits of working at Notre Dame, as well as an overview of Michian’s neighborhoods and neighborhood life. The site also includes an interactive map with links to local and regional attractions.

At Sacred Heart Parish Center after the campus pep rally on Fridays before home games

More than a dozen Knights of Columbus volunteers set up the space and prepare the food, pulled pork, sausages and chips, maybe chill on a cold evening. Receipts from the event go to the Knights’ charity fund, which among other things supports the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to fight Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

The Filberts, who have bought a retirement home in Arizona, are handing-off responsibilities for the smoker after this season to Knights of Columbus member Tom Florkowski and his wife Marigrace. Like Steve, Tom is an Indiana University graduate whose connection with the smoker comes through the club.

The smokers are at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Fridays of home football games. Doors open at 7 p.m.; events start at 8 p.m., or after the pep rally. Admission is $5 and children under 12 are free. For more information, visit ndsmokers.com or gameday.nd.edu/events.

Heather L. Anderson and Mark R. Ulrich, Catering By Design
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Paul J. Browne, OPAC
Sandra Bruen, Cafe De Grasta
Milan Budhathoki and Sandra Gesing, Center for Research Computing
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NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in August:

- Angelina Johnson, Alumni Association
- Sarah Jawick, Archives
- Quinn D. Kilpatrick and Clinton B. Smith, Naval Science
- Paul J. Kim, Procurement Services
- Thomas J. Kingsbury, Psychology
- Melanie L. Kunst, University Health Services
- Michael A. Mercurio, Campus Ministry
- Joseph P. Miller and Jordan C. Ray
- Compton Family Ice Arena
- Hermandela Powell, Theology
- Rachel M. Roseberry, Robinson Community Learning Center
- Victoria Scheid, Career Center
- Kathleen Schuler, Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement
- Marta A. Stepen, Student Development and Wellness
- Jill M. Svetz, Shared Services
- Billie J. Van Kirk, Housing
- Ryan H. Von Gunten, Women’s Swimming and Diving
- Kristi L. Wiplickosch, Kellogg Institute
- Jaime Zarafonitis, Alliance for Catholic Education

Smokers now smokeless, but still a lot of fun

Knights of Columbus events traditio by 70 years

The Knights of Columbus event was started by Coach Moose Krause to boost flagging attendance during World War II, is celebrating its 70th anniversary this season. The event is sponsored and staffed by the Santa Maria Council in South Bend, was for its first 20 years a cigar-smoking crowd of upwards of 1,000 men who heard talks from Notre Dame speakers, including the head football coach.

“Women didn’t go to the games back then,” says Knights of Columbus member Steve Filbert, who organized the events with his wife Mary (who retired from the University after 29 years of service in Pre-Professional Studies) for the past 15 years. “All the boys were going off to war. We were right in that mix to help save football. We’d have smokers where there were 1,500 to 2,000 people, I would estimate some of the last ones. You could hardly see the speaker for the smoke.”

Today, the smokers are (ironically) smoke-free, smaller and more diverse. They’re held in
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 20
4-6 p.m.
Hesburgh Library
Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard

Music by Oblates of Blues
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM
4-6 p.m. | Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
4:45-5 p.m. | Celebration Program
Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., University President
Thomas G. Beirne, Provost
Diane Pieri Walker, Edward H. Arnold University Librarian
6-7 p.m. | Michigan State Pep Rally on the Library Quad

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 | WORDS OF LIFE: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE HESBURGH LIBRARY’S MESSAGE, MURAL AND MEANING
This new book from the University of Notre Dame Press is now available online and at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 | GAME DAY BOOTH & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9 a.m.-10 p.m. | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 | HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES:
MILLARD SHEETS: AN ARTIST’S JOURNEY TO THE WORD OF LIFE,
PRESENTED BY JANET BLAKE
4-5 p.m. | Hesburgh Library—William J. Carey Auditorium
Mural viewing immediately to follow.
Sponsors: Hesburgh Libraries, Snite Museum of Art

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 | GAME DAY BOOTH & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9 a.m.-10 p.m. | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse

22-year employee narrates life story

Custodian—and Special Olympian

BY GENE STOWE, FOR NDWORKS

With a little help from his friends, David Mannen has built a decades-long career at Notre Dame; a home in Fox Run with Jennifer, his wife of six years; and a stellar Special Olympics career, where he amassed 35 medals in golf and three in basketball—all while overcoming a minor epilepsy disability.

To make sure others seek the help they need, Mannen has narrated his own inspiring story in a booklet. “I am a special person with a special story,” he writes. “My name is David and I am going to tell you about how I have overcome obstacles and have made my life successful. Although I may have a small disability, I am an independent, employed, married person who has a wonderful life.”

Mannen, 43, moved with his family from Chicago and went to school at Coquillard Elementary, Clay Middle and LaSalle High. He worked at McDonald’s during high school, then summers at a golf course, then Goodwill Industries where he learned floor care. He became a custodian at Notre Dame 22 years ago. “I have worked at Notre Dame for over 20 years in almost every building on campus,” he writes. “I am experienced on floods and just about every kind of situation there is. I like the people I work with and I like my supervisor. I have met a lot of friends at Notre Dame and have learned how to do my job well. I know how to use many different types of equipment. I have also learned how to use the computer.

“One thing that I have learned is that you can get lots of help through vocational rehabilitation programs through different companies. We all work as a team to keep our buildings clean. I have worked many shifts at Notre Dame during all times of the day and night. I have even completed floor work off-campus at the Center for the Homeless.”

Mannen’s golfing interest started at age 10, and he placed second in South Bend’s Junior Metro in 1987. His Special Olympics medals include 16 gold medals in golf, and he’s been vice president of an Athletic Leadership Program of the Special Olympics of St. Joseph County. Workers from Logan Center and Logan Industries helped him learn to live independently, and the couple built their house near Elbel Golf Course, his favorite. Jennifer prefers figure skating, but they share a love of basketball. “I have had an eventful life, thus far, and the best is still on the horizon,” he writes. “I have never let challenges get in my way and neither should any of you. The purpose of me being here is for you all to realize that no matter the odds, you can be successful if you put your mind to something.”

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HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES:
CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE?: OLD BOOKS, MODERN LIBRARIES, AND THE DIGITAL DOMAIN
MICHAEL F. SUAREZ, S.J.
Thursday, Oct. 17 | 4-5 p.m.
Hesburgh Library—William J. Carey Auditorium
By Dee Dee Sterling, communications program manager in the Office of Human Resources and a member of Clay United Methodist Church, visited Burkina Faso with the church’s pastor, Rev. Herb Buwalda, Clay’s executive director, Doug Fecher, and others. Clay United Methodist has worked for five years with Clean Water for Africa and has funded 78 wells. 

Buwalda led other Indiana pastors on a tour this year, resulting in funding for 33 additional wells.

"We slept in the bush maybe four nights and spent five days looking at villages where Clay has helped," Sterling says. "I said, ‘I’ve got to come back.’" After the trip, Sterling took a year off to focus on work at a women’s center among the poorest of the poor who live in mud huts as less than 50 cents a day in a section of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso’s capital.

"When I got there, there were eight women," she says, adding that her role was to help them find ways to supplement their income as well as to lead them in discussions about Christianity. "Before we knew it, there were 50 women." The group learned to fashion necklaces, earrings and bracelets of beads they made from magazine pages. They also made soap and learned to sew purses and dolls on rehabilitated sewing machines.

"Their happiness does not come from how large or well furnished their house is, the kind of car they drive or what activities their children are involved in—they don’t have any of these things. They get up in the morning and work until the sun goes down. When the sun sets, they sit around a fire with family and friends to share time together, laugh, sing and dance. Nothing is taken for granted. Every little thing is a cause for celebration. Please remember the people of Burkina Faso in your thoughts and prayers, as well as the missionaries and interns that serve them.

An excerpt from Dee Dee Sterling’s blog, “Walking with the Children of Burkina Faso”:

When I first arrived in Burkina Faso last September, I thought it would be the biggest trip of my life. But now I wonder where the time went—how did it pass so quickly? I keep wondering how I can go back to the U.S. and live a “normal life” after being here.

Living amongst poverty changes one’s perspective on life. Learning about people that live with so little—and in such hard circumstances—transforms your inner being. Working with the women at Tabitha Center has reminded me that life is about the simple things.

The Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development will conduct a study this fall of how new wells affect village life in impoverished Burkina Faso in West Africa. The initiative will provide nine new wells, joining other groups that plan to install 1,000 wells, including 100 in each of the next two years.

The project is in collaboration with Clean Water in Africa and Engage Burkina, a group of churches including Clay United Methodist in South Bend and several others in the community. Clean Water in Africa has already established approximately 100 wells.

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"I wanted to make my studies more meaningful," Woo says. "I wanted to find a way for students to make a difference in South Bend where our campus is based." We originally started by trying to learn about the issue of payday loans and other similar products.

The group joined Lend for America (LFA), a league of more than a dozen student-initiated microfinance institutions, and Woo spent the summer after sophomore year serving the underemployed in the University of North Carolina area with the Community Empowerment Fund, one of the founding member organizations of LFA, which focuses on career development, personal financial planning, sustained transition out of homelessness and credit building.

"I wanted to bring something like that back to Notre Dame and see how we can focus on personal finance literacy as well as awareness of predatory finance," he says.

Indiana law permits payday lenders to charge annual percentage rates of up to 391 percent on loans between $100 and $550. But the group hopes to expand its focus to include not just payday lending but predatory lending traps.

"Our main thesis is it’s not so much payday lending or installment loans in March, served three clients last semester who successfully paid off their loans. The group hopes to expand to some 20 clients in the fall.

"There’s still so much to do," says Notre Dame senior and Hochberg Yoko Schuler Peter Woo, who estimates that up to 20 high-interest lending institutes operate in the city serving some 10,000 borrowers. "We’ve only lent money to three. We’re at a spot where we’re trying to figure out how big do want to be, to how this program positions itself not only to clients but also to students as a way to connect to the community, meet people, (and) try to make a difference.

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A DAY OF DANTE

My course is set for an uncharted sea.
—Dante Alighieri, Paradise

The campus-wide event Dante Now! A Divina Comedy Flashmob takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Events include simultaneous readings from Hell, Purgatory and Paradise at 2 p.m. all across campus, and a choral reading at the Grotto of Saint Bernard praying to the Virgin in Paradise (3 p.m.). At 3:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library’s Coney Auditorium, Theodore Cachey, Christian Moews and Justin Steinberg present an illustrated public talk, “What’s Wrong With This Picture? How to Read Dante’s Hell.” The events are followed by a reception in Hesburgh Library Special Collections (Room 102) at 4:45 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

The Crossroads Gallery of Contemporary Art at the University’s Center for Arts and Culture presents an exhibition titled, “The African Presence in Mexico: From Yanga to the Present.” The exhibition, which runs through Friday, Oct. 25, was originally organized and toured by the National Museum of African American History and Culture. It examines a missing chapter in Mexican culture over the past 500 years.

An evening of poetry will also be held in conjunction with the exhibit, Orlando Ricardo Menes, English professor and director of Notre Dame’s Creative Writing Program, will present work from his award-winning, recently published collection, “Fetish” (University of Nebraska Press, 2013) at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the NDGCC.

Menes will be joined by Notre Dame alumni and current Sparks Fellows Lauro Vazquez and current Notre Dame student Lynda Letona. This free, public poetry program is presented in collaboration with Letras Latinas, the literary program of the Institute for Latino Studies, and inaugurates what will become an annual Hispanic Heritage Month event at the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture.

MUSIC

Coming up at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, five-time Tony Award-winning Audra McDonald sings standards from Broadway, pop and the Great American Songbook. Leighton Concert Hall. $35/$50/$15.

Also up coming in the Presenting Series: Hot 8 Brass Band performs New Orleans street music at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Leighton Concert Hall. All ages welcome, $30/$27/$15. Pianist and 18-year-old prodigy Ian Lisiecki performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the Leighton Concert Hall. $30/$27/$15.

PROJECT FUSION, the 2013 Fischhoff Competition’s Senior Wind Division winner, performs a recital of compositions from the 15th to 20th centuries at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall, Thursday, Sept. 26, $10.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, counter-tenor Mark Crayton performs sacred vocal works from the 15th century to the present, accompanied by James Janssen, harpsichord and piano, and Kate Shuldiner, the viola d’gamba. Washington Hall. Free, no tickets required.

Baroque ensemble Fleur de Lys performs works by obscure Baroque composers Montevicher, Galliani, Tenace, Lotti and Vivaldi at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Rees Organ and Choral Hall. $15/$10/$5.

Schola Musicaire performs “Abend-Musik XII,” a concert of Gregorian chant for the Feast of St. Luke from the 13th-century York gradual, at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Rees Organ and Choral Hall. $3.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, the South Bend Symphony’s “Shakespeare in the Present” Chamber Series presents Chamber I – Mozart Mozart Mozart. The afternoon concert features “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.” Concerto for Horn and Symphony No. 38 in D Major “Prague.” All ages are welcome. $35/$8.

THEATER

Actors From The London Stage presents Othello in Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 18 to 20. $25/$12.

National Theatre Live presents a major new production of Shakespeare’s Othello at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in the Browning Cinema. $20/$18/$16. Friday, Oct. 18, and Friday, Nov. 1, NTL will broadcast the Manchester International Festival’s production of Macbeth, with Kenneth Branagh—in his first Shakespeare performance in over a decade—as Macbeth. $10/$8/$6.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents On The Verge, in performances Thursday, Oct. 3, through Sunday, Oct. 13. Three estranged Victorian women trek through Terra Incognita, arriving on the verge of… the Future? From the writer of “Law & Order” and “Treme,” this comedy of wordplay and allusion is directed, designed and performed by an all-student company. Phihlin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. No late seating. $10/$8/$5.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, Lynn Notage, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Kuned” and “Intimate Apparel” talks with ND director of theatre Kevin Dreyer about race and representation in American Theater.

Saturday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD presents William Kentridge’s innovative production of Shostakovich’s The Nose, an unconventional opera about a beheaded Russian official and his runaway nose. Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Live only, no encore. $23/$16.

FILM

Upcoming films at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Browning Cinema include family films: The Cat Returns and Ponyo, Woody Allen’s Blue Jasmine; and special screenings of Hank and Asha (James E. Duff and Julia Morrison) and If You Build It (Patrick Creason ’99). The filmmakers are scheduled to be present. For a complete list of upcoming films, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

THE AFRICAN WORLD

The African World, a series of public events in South Bend and on campus, spearheaded by the Notre Dame Community Relations Center, honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., on the 50th anniversary of his visit to South Bend and Notre Dame and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Upcoming events include:

Monica Tetzlaff lecture on “King in South Bend,” 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture

The Civil Rights Legacy of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, Washington Hall

Community Luncheon featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, Charles Martin Youth Center, 802 Lincolnway West, South Bend

Myth & Miracles from the King Years—a lecture by Taylor Branch, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture

King: A Filmed Record…From Montgomery to Memphis, 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Lynn Notage: A Conversation About Race and Representation, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, location to be announced.

Día de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead exhibition opening reception, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture. The exhibition is on view from Friday, Oct. 4 through Friday, Nov. 15.
International programs bring diversity of knowledge, culture

Welcoming students from around the world

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Three summer programs developed by Notre Dame International once again attracted talented high school and university students from around the world to the University, says Jonathan Noble, assistant provost for Asia and acting director of the Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

iLEAD (international leadership, enrichment and development) is designed specifically for high school students. This year, there were 21 students enrolled. Students participate in a two-week college experience hosted by the University's five colleges/schools attending lectures by distinguished professors, contributing to collaborative projects, taking part in leadership workshops and visiting local businesses and community organizations. This summer, six nationalities were represented.

iSURE (international summer undergraduate research experience), open to undergraduates, launched in summer 2011 with only six students. This summer, 28 students came to campus for seven weeks ending in mid-August. The program, which partnered with Tsinghua University in the first year, now collaborates with the top four universities in China. Those universities have invested in the program by supporting the students' airfare.

On campus, the seven-week program has expanded to include the departments of computer science, chemical and electrical engineering and chemistry. Projects this year included network mining in computational biology; nanoelectronics from two-dimensional materials and computational design of catalytic materials.

iSAWT (international summer American in the World) was designed as a collaboration with Keio University, the leading private university in Japan. The program curriculum is created and delivered by the the American Studies department, and is centered on cultural immersion in U.S. life in the Midwest. “The program focuses on contemporary issues to familiarize students with the current environment in America,” Noble says, “helping them learn to communicate effectively with Americans about topics and values here.”

All three programs impact the University in several ways, says Noble. “We enrich our university, faculty and students through these opportunities to share international knowledge and cultural experiences. The programs also assist us in recruiting top talent.

“The goal is to increase diversity and the caliber of international students with the programs we offer here,” Noble says. “By building partnerships with leading high schools and universities in Asia and other parts of the world, these programs are helping to enhance Notre Dame’s global visibility and reputation as a university with a distinctive Catholic mission.”

‘Griffon’ sculptor dies at age 82

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Sculptor David Hayes ’53, creator of “Griffon,” the monumental sculpture that stands in front of the Snite Museum of Art, died of leukemia on April 9, 2013.

Hayes came from a Notre Dame family. His father (also named David Hayes) played football under legendary coach Knute Rockne. Hayes graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1955, then went straight to Indiana University for his M.F.A., studying with pioneer welded-metal sculptor David Smith.

Griffin, a 28-foot tall sculpture of half-inch steel plate, was first designed in a series of working drawings, from which Hayes then made three maquettes or models.

From the maquettes, a computer, working from the coordinates of the model, generated patterns for cutting the steel. Hayes made some small adjustments in the contours of the final pattern. In a 1990 interview during the installation of Griffon, he noted that an eighth inch, “Or even 1/32 of an inch makes a difference in whether the piece is alive or just there. I can’t explain it. It’s something that you just feel.

“The analogy that I use is that it’s like the sail on a sailboat. If it’s just lightly fluffing, then the piece doesn’t have much dynamism. But with the full force of the wind behind you, it’s like the slice of a knife. That’s the effect I’m after.”

‘Like the slice of a knife...’