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Winter Events - Sign Up Today!

WEBINARS@LESLEY: Photoshop 101

February 23, 2011
Online | 4:00 - 5:00 pm



Lesley's popular free webinar series returns with "Photoshop 101" taught by The Art Institute of Boston graduate and Illustration faculty member Keith MacLelland. Learn the basics of Photoshop in only one hour! Find out how to create and

edit beautiful photos and design documents with this powerful software and enhance your pictures, personal projects or class work. We'll provide you with a trial version of the software to use as you participate in Keith's class, and show you some of the more cost-effective ways to use this software and the tools that support it. To learn more about the free class and to register, please [click here](#).

eLearning Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada

February 28, 2011

Lesley Alumni Technology Center | 4:30 pm
Wondering how to incorporate Web 2.0 tools into the classroom? Curious about tools like Twitter, blogs and wikis? Join Nevada alumni for an evening of networking and discussion about new technologies for classroom use. Lesley alumna and faculty member Cindy Burkes will demonstrate how to integrate technology into the classroom and curriculum. To sign up, [click here](#) or call 617.349.8622.

Alumni & Friends Reception in Las Vegas, Nevada

March 1, 2011

Historic 5th Street School | 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Alumni and friends are invited to a reception at the Historic 5th Street School on Tuesday, March 1st. Reconnect with classmates, friends and professors over appetizers and drinks. [Click here](#) to register today!

Atlanta Alumni and Friends Event

March 12, 2011

Center for Puppetry Arts of Atlanta | 3:00 pm
Alumni and their families are invited to join Lesley for a performance of *The Dragon King* at the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Georgia. We'll gather for a pre-show reception at 1:30 pm, and our Lesley guests will have the opportunity to meet the actors after the show. Tickets are complimentary and limited, so please reserve yours as soon as possible. Contact Lisa Santangelo-Feeley [by e-mail](#) or at 617.349.8625 to get your tickets today.

Albert Merck and President Joseph B. Moore discuss Lesley's innovative new partnership, made possible through the Mercks' leadership philanthropy



Lesley University and the [Cambridge Public Schools](#) are developing a new three-year partnership centering on the Kennedy-Longfellow School. Lesley's [Partnership School Initiative](#) creates a collaborative relationship between the university and Kennedy-Longfellow faculty focusing on curriculum and the integration of digital technology in every classroom for every student.

"Together with the faculty of the Kennedy-Longfellow School, we'll be exploring ways to use technology to engage students with the curriculum in order to enhance student learning," said President Moore. "We're looking to create an effective model that can be replicated in other schools - especially urban schools with diverse student populations that have struggled with standardized test scores."

The partnership is funded through a \$2 million gift from Albert Merck, philanthropist and a former director of Merck & Co., Inc., and his wife, Kate. They are the grandparents of artist and AIB graduate Max Abeles '06. Their transformative gift to the University will support digital devices for students and faculty, collaboration between Kennedy-Longfellow and Lesley faculty, and a sustained focus on student learning.

Al Merck believes that, "Skilled teachers using advanced digital applications can shift the culture of classrooms from teacher-centered to student-centered, truly engaging students with the curriculum - which is essential if we're to instill critical thinking, problem solving and knowledge acquisition among students. If we

Gallery Show - ChunMei Du: Rice Paper/Silk

March 16, 2011

Marran Gallery | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Lesley University and The Women's Center at Lesley are excited to announce a gallery show featuring Lesley College alumna ChunMei Du '10. The show runs from March 7th through April 7th, and showcases a number of Du's recent works. An artist's reception will be held on March 16th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend the reception, please register online by [clicking here](#) or call 617.349.8625.

South Shore Alumni eLearning Workshop

March 29, 2011

Thayer Public Library, Braintree, MA | 5:30 - 8:30 pm



Our popular eLearning workshop series is headed to Boston's South Shore. Need to learn more about social media tools like Twitter, blogs, and wikis and how they work? Want to know how to meaningfully bring Web 2.0 tools and online

technologies into your classroom? Is your school or district planning to use technology to help meet state and national standards? Technology in Education experts from Lesley will join alumni for an evening of exploration of new technologies for classroom use. Colleagues are welcome to attend. To sign up, [click here](#) or call 617.349.8622.

Community of Scholars Day

March 30, 2011

Various Campus Locations | All Day

A celebration of research and inquiry at Lesley University, this annual program showcases scholarship at Lesley across all disciplines and areas of interest. Presentations, lectures, discussions and exhibits are highlighted on topics ranging from technology and history to art making and diversity. Community of Scholars Day demonstrates the breadth of interests at Lesley. The program is open to the public. To attend, please e-mail Colleen Junco at cjunco@lesley.edu or call 617.349.8517.

Literary Arts Festival

April 2, 2011

University Hall | All Day

A day-long celebration of the literary arts, this Lesley program will feature acclaimed author Michael Patrick MacDonald, who will discuss his national bestseller *All Souls: A Family Story From Southie*. MacDonald's novel won an American Book Award and a New England Literary Lights Award, as well as the Myers Outstanding Book Award given by the Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America. A screenplay adaptation is currently in the works. Join us for this exciting opportunity to celebrate literature at Lesley! For more information, call 617.349.8625.

Spring 2011 Seminar Series in the Arts



The Art Institute of Boston offers workshops in the visual arts throughout the year that are designed to offer students of all ages and backgrounds an opportunity to take non-credit programs in various visual art disciplines. A one-day workshop will be offered this

Spring – The Medieval Gardens Workshop (April 12). Please [click here](#) for more information. For additional information and/or to register, please contact [Linda Harris](#) at the Office of Extended Programs at 617.585.6724.

can develop this model with Lesley, a university with a national reach, we hope to be able to share what we learn here in Cambridge with educators nationwide.”

To learn more about this exciting initiative, [click here](#).

2011 Alumni Council Nominations

Lesley's Alumni Council is now accepting nominations for positions beginning in June, 2011! Council membership is made up of dedicated alumni who believe in the importance of Lesley's educational mission and want to inspire alumni and students with a sense of pride, loyalty and support for the University and its initiatives. We hope you will join us. Take a moment to nominate yourself or someone you know by [clicking here](#).

Meeting the Needs of Your English Language Learners (ELL)

Good teaching practices for native English speakers are not necessarily appropriate or successful with ELL students. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) requires all teachers to be knowledgeable about teaching students who are English Language Learners by taking the Category Courses. English Language Learners are the fastest growing K-12 school population in Massachusetts and the United States. To meet the needs of our teachers, Lesley is offering the following courses this spring:

Reading & Writing in the Sheltered Content Classroom (Elementary Level) – EEDUC 6072

CATEGORY 4 B (15 hours)

March 26 & 27, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Dr. Deana Bardetti

Sheltering Content Instruction – EEDUC 6073

CATEGORY 2 (30 hours)

April 9 & 10 and April 30 & May 1, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Ms. Jennifer McCabe

For information, please visit [our website](#) or contact Yazmin Colon [by e-mail](#) or at 617.349.8924.

Recent Lesley Programs

Lesley University hosted the 14th Annual Academic

Technology Institute on January 19th, 2011. Click below to view video of presenter and 1997 SOE graduate Rob Ackerman, Principal of Lane Elementary School in Bedford, MA as he speaks on "Technology is Not a Choice".



Dr. Charles V. Willie, the Charles William Eliot Professor of Education, Emeritus, at Harvard University, joined Lesley University on February 10th in honor of Black History Month.

The 2011 Young Artist Residence Program (YAR)



The YAR Program at The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University is designed for high school students who will be entering their junior or senior year in the Fall of 2011. This intensive program of four-weeks of classes and art making is designed to offer a professional art college experience while living on campus. It's also a great opportunity to test out AIB as a college choice. Students live in the Lesley University residence halls minutes from Harvard

Square in Cambridge and study art with college professors and graduates of AIB. For additional information please [click here](#) or contact Linda Harris at the Office of Extended Programs at 617.585.6724.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

We've always got an eye out for grants and funding opportunities. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

Intercultural Relations Program Announces Low-Residency Model

The Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences is excited to announce a new low-residency Master of Arts program in Intercultural Relations. This program is ideal for professionals who wish to increase their effectiveness in organizations or communities with diverse populations.

The low-residency model will enable working adults to complete the program through a mix of face-to-face interaction, online collaboration, and fieldwork, making it a viable option for those who live and work at a distance from Lesley's Cambridge campus. The Low-Residency Intercultural Relations M.A. program is currently enrolling for Summer 2011 – please spread the news! (The low-residency program is being offered in addition to the on-campus program.) To learn more or to enroll, [click here](#) or contact Jana Van der Veer at jvanderv@lesley.edu or 617.349.8369.

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Dr. Willie's lecture, "Dr. Kings' Legacy in the 21st Century," focused on the work of Martin Luther King and the lessons of the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott of '55 and '56. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Lesley Alumni News!

Got news? Want to share with our alumni network? E-mail us at [alumni@lesley.edu!](mailto:alumni@lesley.edu)

James Wolf Strehle, Locke, NY, AIB '06, is an experienced artist specializing in fantasy illustrations. His artwork is featured in a new video game for PlayStation and Xbox and has earned him features in several magazines.

Zach Rocha, New Bedford, MA, LC '08, has been hired as the Men's Soccer Coach at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

Ibrahim Tejan Savage, Dorchester, MA, GSASS '99, completed a religious pilgrimage to the Muslim holy land, Mecca, receiving the title Alhaji. He is a founder and former president of the Boston Muslim Jamaat-African Islamic Society, and the All People's Congress in Boston. He is also a former president of the African American Friendship, Sierra Leone Cultural Organization in Boston, and the former Coordinator of the Refugee and Immigration Program in Boston. He currently works for the State of Massachusetts Department of Labor.

Francine Lavin Weaver, Ithaca, NY, LC '75, will be honored for her work to better the Boulder Jewish Community Center in Boulder, CO at its annual gala Reflections. She not only helped establish the community center, but also helped to establish its library and begin its newsletter, the Community Page (now the Center Point). She is also heavily involved in the Pre-School at the Boulder JCC and sits on many boards and committees.