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Fall Events - Sign Up Today!

Strauch-Mosse Visiting Artist Lecture Series featuring MacArthur Fellow and Internationally Acclaimed Artist Ann Hamilton

November 19, 2010
Marran Theater | 7:00 pm



Internationally-recognized visual artist Ann Hamilton is the exciting guest lecturer for November's Strauch-Mosse Visiting Artist Lecture Series at Lesley. Her large-scale multimedia installations have been praised for their invocation of place, time and social history and have earned Hamilton the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship among other honors.

Her work has been featured in exhibitions at numerous major museums in America and abroad. Please join us to learn more about her process and [her work](#).

Acclaimed Author and Lesley Parent Anne Ford to Speak on Raising Children with Learning Disabilities

November 29, 2010
University Hall Amphitheatre | 5:00 pm



Acclaimed author and activist for the learning disabled Anne Ford, parent of Threshold graduate Allegra Ford, joins Lesley for a lecture about her new book *A Special Mother: Getting Through the Early Days of a Child's Diagnosis of Learning Disabilities and Related Disorders*. Filled with essential advice for the parents of learning disabled children, the book is Ford's third. Joining her for the lecture and book signing will be

co-author John-Richard Thompson, an award-winning playwright and novelist. [Sign up online today](#).

Education Experts Brenda Engel and Deborah Meier present new book at Lesley

November 30, 2010
University Hall Amphitheatre | 4:30 pm



Lesley University invites you to an afternoon with Brenda Engel, Professor Emerita, and Deborah Meier, Senior Scholar at NYU's Steinhardt School of Education, for a discussion about their book

Naomi Nason Skoler LC'63 Her Passion for Education Inspires Giving Back to Lesley



Pictured from left, Skoler scholarship recipient Joanne Lopresti LC '12, Jennifer Skoler SOE '05, Trustee Moe Skoler, Naomi Nason Skoler LC '63 and Skoler scholarship recipient Beth Harrington LC '07.

Giving back to Lesley comes naturally to Naomi Nason Skoler LC'63. She has been actively involved with her alma mater for five decades; her husband, Moe Skoler, serves as a Trustee, and her daughter-in-law, Jennifer, is a 2005 graduate of the School of the Education.

As a Lesley College graduate, Alumni Council member, Corporator, Alumni Trustee, and member of the University's Centennial Steering Committee and new Leadership Council, Naomi has been in the driver's seat to help steer the course of Lesley and see the University develop new programs and grow exponentially. She and Moe credit the leadership of President Moore and the vision of President McKenna with so many of Lesley's extraordinary accomplishments, and they are delighted that a Lesley education today retains the "intimate, caring feeling" that was so prevalent when Naomi was an undergraduate.

Through her life-long involvement with Lesley her goal has always been the same – to help ensure that future generations of Lesley students have access to the same quality education that she experienced and that changed her life. Naomi and Moe are passionate about education and feel it is their responsibility to help students achieve their educational goals. The Skoler Family Scholarship is awarded to one or two entering students at Lesley with an interest in teaching who continue to receive the scholarship annually until they graduate.

Lesley junior Joanne Lopresti is grateful for the Skolers' generosity and how they keep in touch with her to hear about her progress during the school year. A former Skoler Scholar, Beth



Playing for Keeps: Life and Learning on a Public School Playground. The book makes a case for the importance of free

exploration, wonder, imagination and play to the learning and growth of children. A reception will follow the discussion. For more information please call 617.349.8625.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes December 7, 2010

Citi Performing Arts Center | 7:30 pm

Join Lesley friends, family and alumni for the best holiday show in town. The Rockettes dazzle and the costumes and cast of entertaining holiday characters make this a great event for the whole family. Lesley is offering discounted tickets and a pre-show reception at the new W Hotel, across the street from the theater. Space is limited so [book your tickets online today](#) or call 617.349.8624.

WEBINARS@LESLEY: iPads for Children with ASD

December 8, 2010 | 4:00 pm



The perfect audience for Apple's new iPad device is children with an autism spectrum disorder. Using this coolest of digital tools, young students and adults communicate, learn, talk, express and interact as never before. Recent research

commentary, formal and anecdotal, ranges from cautious optimism to miracle tool. Why does this tool work so well?

Brenda Matthis demonstrates the apps she and her colleagues are testing to find which are successful for daily living and learning. Click below to register for the live event!

Webinar Registration

Have questions in advance? Please forward them to bmatthis@lesley.edu by Monday, December 6th. Questions will also be answered during the live event, and a recording of the webinar will be available immediately following the live event.

Developing the IEP Workshop

January 8, 2011

University Hall Amphitheater | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

This workshop will provide specific strategies to assist educators in demystifying the IEP process. There will be a focus on observable and measurable writing in various sections of the IEP. Participants will learn how to align Massachusetts regulations with the IEP to create a well-written, objective and legally compliant IEP.

The workshop is sponsored by the New Teacher Community and is open to all Lesley alumni and current students. It is intended for new special education and general education teachers. It is free of charge and includes lunch and materials.

RSVP to Kim Childs, kchilds@lesley.edu by December 15th.

Studio Residencies for Art Educators



Studio Residencies for Art Educators are offered during the month of July in an intensive week-long format. One studio residency, "Artists Who Teach," is offered at the Art Institute of Boston campus. A second residency,

"Works on Paper," is offered in Bar Harbor, Maine. These courses are designed for artists who are also art educators and have limited time to create their own work in a focused setting.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program. For more information contact Linda Harris at 617-585-6724.

Harrington '07 says "they helped me tremendously throughout my time at Lesley. On a personal level, both Naomi and Moe were very supportive when I wasn't sure which direction I wanted my life to go in. They mentored me and helped me realize that education is an important field and one where I too can give back to the community."

Naomi looks back on her college years as a wonderful experience that shaped who she is today. When asked about her dedication to her alma mater she explains, "I sincerely believe that I have received more than I have given." "Lesley College's nurturing environment well prepared me for my long and rewarding career as a public school teacher." "I am grateful for the friendships that I have made in the Lesley community, both with those who volunteer and those who work at the University."

[Click here](#) to keep reading about Naomi Skoler and her remarkable Lesley experience.

Lesley Launches New Webinar Series



When is the last time you had a moment to attend a professional development event or take a class to learn about new skills or ideas to bring back to the workplace?

We know our alumni are busy people! We also know that you are lifelong learners. That's why we developed a new webinar series that brings the experts to you.

Don't leave the comfort of your desk or home office. Watch our webinars live or view the [recordings](#). Interact with expert faculty and staff, learn about the latest trends and innovations in your industry, and bring new practices into your career.

Our first webinar was recorded live this week and featured Lesley's Director of Math Program, Dr. Anne Collins. Her webinar, [Teaching Math Made Easy: New Methods for Teaching the Basics](#), can be found by [clicking here](#).

Our next webinar will be held on December 8th at 4:00 pm. It will feature one of Lesley's Technology in Education experts, Associate Professor Brenda Matthis, who will present on exciting new uses for Apple's iPad in educating and serving children with autism spectrum disorders. Be sure to register for the live recording by [clicking here](#).

Our webinars are for everyone! Feel free to share with friends, coworkers and colleagues.

Lesley Alumni in the News!

Got news? Want to share with our alumni network? E-mail us at alumni@lesley.edu!

Winter Session College Courses for High School Art Students



The Art Institute of Boston (AIB) offers college courses in art and design for high school students on Saturdays during Fall and Winter Sessions in the areas of Artistry, Technology, and Professions. Students earn one college credit for courses such as Graphic Design Techniques, Fashion Photography, Illustrator's Toolbox, and many more. AIB also offers four-week non-credit workshops as well as a selection of new online portfolio preparation courses. Winter 2011 Session will begin on February 19,

2011 and end on April 9, 2011. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program. For more information contact Linda Harris at 617-585-6724.

For more events and other news and features about the Lesley community, [visit our website](#).

Mary Evanson Bleckwehl, '85 SOM

Published her first children's picture book, *Henry! You're late again!*

Matthew Ducharme, '98 AIB

The creator of "Mat the Wad," discussed animation at the Tewksbury Public Library on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

Deborah Bills, '86 SOM

Her 30-year career working with those with chemical dependency was highlighted by *Oswego County Business Magazine*.

Giving Thanks to our Alumni, Donors, Friends and Families

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are deeply grateful to all of our alumni and friends for the important work you do and the support you give back to the University in so many ways.

Thank you for your continuing support of Lesley University.