Peace Corps Fellow program recognized

Of the more than 50 schools that participate in the Peace Corps’ unique Fellows/USA graduate program, Western Illinois University recently ranked ninth in the nation on this year’s list of top colleges and universities partnering with the Peace Corps.

According to Casey Lowman, from the Peace Corps Chicago Regional Office, WIU has become one of the most robust graduate programs in the country, with 12 returning Peace Corps volunteer Fellows/USA students currently enrolled. The program is housed at WIU as a unit in the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs and is managed by Karen Mauldin-Curtis, who served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

“Most of the schools in the top 10 are longstanding Fellows/USA program schools,” Mauldin-Curtis said. “Teachers College/Columbia is the flagship program—focusing exclusively on preparing returned Peace Corps volunteers for teaching careers in urban schools—and Johns Hopkins was the first school in the program to focus on health and nursing. Our program at Western was the first to move into the field of community development, and out of the 50-plus programs now, more than 20 of them are in this field. While this has increased the competition for the recruitment and retention of qualified students, we’ve continued to work hard to meet our enrollment goals,” she added.


Nursing, engineering programs progress

Board approves lease for WIU-QC space

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and the National Council of State Board of Nursing have granted final approval to Western Illinois University to begin offering its four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree beginning Fall 2009. Meanwhile, the WIU Board of Trustees approved at its March meeting an agreement with Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company to lease The Caxton Block Building, 1701 River Dr., Moline, to temporarily house the new WIU-Quad Cities engineering program, which begins in Fall 2009.

Western’s BSN program will allow students to begin their education at WIU as a freshman in the pre-BSN option, complete two years of general education and nursing support courses, and apply for admission into the School of Nursing.

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New agreement announced with Black Hawk

Quad Cities residents interested in engineering, nursing and liberal arts and sciences will soon be able to complete classes at both Black Hawk College (BHC) and WIU-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) as part of a new dual enrollment program.

The 2+2 agreement between BHC and WIU-QC, which was signed March 12, will allow students enrolled in these three programs to complete courses at both locations simultaneously.

“This latest partnership with Black Hawk College provides yet another option for individuals pursuing degrees in these high-demand fields. The program provides students with the flexibility to meet their academic needs—and schedules—as they can take the necessary courses at either Black Hawk or WIU-QC,” said WIU President Al Goldfarb.

“Articulation agreements maximize the use of public dollars and provide higher education opportunities close to home. It is essential that four-year universities and community colleges work cooperatively to ensure a seamless transition for students,” BHC President Gene Gardner said. “The WIU and Black Hawk agreements signed today will enhance options for students and will provide a financial savings to them as well.”

By piloting the new program in three majors, WIU builds the base to extend the partnership to other programs at Black Hawk and other community college partners, which will give students in the Quad Cities region access to more educational opportunities, noted WIU Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronald Williams.

For more information, contact WIU-QC at (309) 762-9481 or BHC at (309) 796-5100.
Following Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approval in 2008, School of Nursing Director Lea Monahan began working with the IDFPR to obtain permission to provide the program at WIU.

“A lot of hard work and support from President Al Goldfarb, Dean Inessa Levi and Provost Jack Thomas has made this program a reality,” Monahan said.

“I'm excited that Western will now provide a pre-licensure program for students seeking bachelor’s nursing education,” she added. “We are accepting applications from those students who have completed the general education curriculum and the nursing support courses or are in the second semester of their sophomore year.”

The Caxton Block Building is close to the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus and is part of the City of Moline’s Mississippi River Urban Technology Corridor. The lease is for a period of up to five years at a cost not to exceed $200,000 annually.

According to Joe Rives, vice president of Quad Cities, planning and technology, the location supports the donors’ (The Moline Foundation and the John Deere Foundation) wishes and the University’s 2008-2018 Strategic Plan goals related to community partnerships.

“It was essential to find space for the new engineering program so we could begin offering classes this fall,” said Rives. “The current 60th Street Quad Cities campus is at maximum capacity and the new temporary space will support the laboratory and research needs for this program.

“We are excited to have the board’s approval, and we look forward to hosting an open house once the lease agreement is finalized by both parties in the next few weeks, Rives added.

“We also look forward to state funding for Building One on the new WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus so that this generous gift from the Moline and Deere foundations can fully support student scholarships and other programmatic needs.”

In other business, the board discussed the annual assessment and evaluation process for President Goldfarb; adopted revisions to residency status requirements for students; and reviewed a first reading of a revised intellectual property policy.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held June 5 at the WIU-Moline campus.

### COEHS dean candidates named

Four candidates for Western’s College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) dean position will be on WIU’s campuses for interviews through April 8, according to Inessa Levi, College of Arts and Sciences dean and chair of the search committee. Each candidate participates in an open session on both the Macomb and WIU-QC campuses.

Larry Robinson, vice provost at Seton Hall University, interviewed March 25-26. Virginia Hicks, dean of education and professional studies at Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV), interviewed March 30-31. Sterling Saddler, interim associate dean for research and administrative at the University of Nevada (Las Vegas), interviewed April 1-2.

Robbie Steward, director of the master’s counseling program at Michigan State University, will interview April 7-8. Open sessions will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 in Horrabin Hall 1 in Macomb (April 8 at WIU-QC).

Complete candidate interview schedules and vitas are available at wiu.edu/employment.

### Submit items for Couza scrapbook

Submissions are currently being sought for a memory book for WIU Director of Equal Opportunity and Access Cathy Couza, who will retire April 30 after 33 years of service.

The scrapbook will be given to Couza at a reception in her honor, which will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 24 at the WIU Alumni House.

A brief program will begin at 5:15 p.m. Individuals interested in submitting letters, photographs, news articles, etc., should send items to Natalie Adcock, DPS or e-mail NK-Adcock@wiu.edu by Friday, April 17. All original items will be scanned and returned.

Couza started working at WIU as a secretary in the Financial Aid Office in 1976. She was named acting assistant director of Affirmative Action in 1987 and acting director in 1988. Couza was named director in 1990.

Civil Service news

**Jo Davis**, office manager for Global Education, was named the February Civil Service Employee of the Month.

According to her nominator, “One of Jo’s duties is working with international students. From the time they arrive on campus until they depart, Jo is available to assist in solving any problems they may encounter as new students. She even goes as far as to assist them in the evenings or weekends. Jo does everything possible to ensure their stay at WIU is comfortable.”

Davis began working at Western in 1995 as a secretary II for Disability Support Services. She was hired in 1996 as an office support associate in Purchasing, and was promoted to an office support specialist in Extended Learning in 1997. Two years later, Davis transferred to the management department and in 2001 was named to her current position.

**Heuer named to NASPA position**

**Karolyynn Heuer**, director of Student Assistance and Parent Service Center (SAPSC), has been appointed to serve as knowledge community coordinator in Region IV-E of the professional organization NASPA—Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

NASPA is the foremost professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty, and graduate and undergraduate students.

Heuer will serve on the regional board’s executive team, which promotes personal and professional learning through conferences, workshops and other opportunities. Consisting of members at 1,400 campuses, and representing 29 countries, Region IV-E serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario.

Heuer has been a member of the organization since 2000. She was named director of Western’s Student Assistance and Parent Service Center in 1999. Heuer received her undergraduate and master’s degrees from WIU.

**New Employees**

- **Colley, Monte L.**, mechanical engineer III, Physical Plant, 3/16/09, 298-1834.
- **Crouch, Amelia F.**, office support specialist, Psychology, 3/5/09, 100 Waggoner Hall, 298-1593.
- **Flesner, Mary K.**, clerk, University Housing & Dining Services, 3/23/09, Seal Hall, Phone: 298-2461.
- **Schroll, Timothy L.**, customer service representative I, Geography, 3/2/09, 305 Tillman Hall, 298-1566.

**Promotions/Transfers/Reassigns**

- **Rossio, Charles D.**, staff clerk, Advising & Academic Support Center, promoted to Applications Programmer I.

**COEHS Week events**

The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) will celebrate the college, its departments, faculty, staff and students during COEHS Week Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 17 on WIU’s Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

A schedule of events open to the WIU community and public (as specified) is listed at wiu.edu/coehs/coehsweek09.html

For more information, contact **Dana Moon**, assistant to the COEHS dean, at (309) 298-1690 or DM-Moon@wiu.edu.

**Libraries dean a candidate for ILA**

**Phyllis Self**, dean of WIU Libraries, is running for the top spot at the Illinois Library Association (ILA).

Self is on a mission to make people aware of the importance of broadband connectivity for education and economic development for the rural regions of Illinois. A longtime ILA member, Self is on ILA’s April 2009 ballot, running for vice president/president-elect/past president, which amounts to three years of service. If she wins, Self will serve from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012, the first year as vice president/president elect, the second year as president and the third year as immediate past president. ILA members can vote electronically in ILA’s presidential election through April 30.

Another reason to support Self in her run for the ILA office is her commitment to keeping Western’s academic libraries on the cutting edge of technological trends to continue to provide access to the vast array of information stored online and to engage learners. In light of the economic duress that public and educational institutions in Illinois are operating under, she is keen on being able to continue to provide members of the WIU community, as well as citizens from the region, access and information to thrive and survive in the information age.

More information about the 2009 ILA candidates is available at www.ila.org or at contact Self at (309) 298-2762 or P-Self@wiu.edu.

**Grants**

- **Judy Brown**, Computer Science—$2,000 from the Western Area Career System for “West Central Illinois Partnerships for College and Career Success - FY09.”
- **Marie Cheak**, Curriculum and Instruction—$13,500 from the Earthwatch Institute for “Assessing Efficacy of Teacher Fellowships in Promoting Post Expedition Learning Outcomes for Students.”
- **Larry Wall**, College of Business and Technology—$9,644 from Western Kentucky University for “Alliance to Enhance Entrepreneurial Impact to Stimulate Economic Growth Among Underserved Groups in North America - Year 1.”
Internal search

Position: Assistant to the Academic Vice President for Budget and Personnel, Office of the Provost and Academic Vice President.

(Replacement position due to the resignation).

Appointment date: May 1

Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in business administration, accounting, or closely related field. Minimum of five years of professional experience with personnel, accounting, budgeting, or fiscal management. Applicants must be current full-time employees.

Preferred requirements: Experience with supervision and Western’s MVS and FRS systems.

Responsibilities: Monitor budgetary status of departmental units under the jurisdiction of the Provost and Academic Vice President. Provide vice president and deans with review of expenditure patterns, short- and long-term planning and allocations of year-end resources. Provide financial and personnel information utilizing University mainframe systems. Administer functions of Academic Personnel Office. This includes drafting policies, procedures, and guidelines; creation and administration of all hiring forms, employment contracts, and WIU/UPI bargaining unit agreement, sick/vacation payouts and utilization of benefits as governed by the WIU/UPI Bargaining Agreement and University Benefits Policies. Coordinate special projects benefiting divisions within the academic affairs area or the general University. These may be either one-time or recurring projects. Employee will report to the associate provost and associate academic vice president for budget, planning, and personnel.

Rank and salary: Based on experience.

The department: See wiu.edu/provost

Application: Applicant should submit a letter of interest, three names and contact information for three professional references, vitae, and copies of transcripts. Apply to Julie DeWees, Search Committee Chair, Sherman Hall 315, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois, 61455. Screening began April 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

Western Illinois University complies fully with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws, orders, and regulations. View the full statement at wiu.edu/policies/affirmact.php.

Admissions staff recognized

(L-r): Casey Connors, assistant director of undergraduate admissions; Maxine Smart, admissions/records specialist I; Jeanine Pollmeier, admissions/records representative; Charlene Hammond, admissions/records specialist I; and Teresa Waller, admissions/records specialist I.

Five admission office staff members were awarded the Department of Defense and the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve “Patriotic Employer” certificates to honor their assistance in coordinating work relief for Army Reserves Spc. Wayne Quesenberry, an admissions and records specialist at Western.

When Quesenberry reports to duty, WIU admissions staff must pick up his duties. He recently re-enlisted for six years with the Army National Guard, assigned to Delta Company 634th in Galva (IL). Previously, he was assigned to the 724th Transportation Company, Bartonville (IL).

Quesenberry, who lives in Macomb, has more than 17 years of military service: 11-plus years with the Navy on active duty; five years of Navy Reserves; and three years with the Army Reserves based in Canton/Bartonville. He has served in Iraq twice, in Operation Southern Watch (1997) and in Desert Storm/Desert Shield (1991).

Horn Tower hours

Back by popular demand, open tower hours will be held at Western’s Horn Field Campus (HFC) climbing and rappelling tower from 1-4 p.m. Saturday afternoons (April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2 and May 9).

The tower is a 40-foot vertical wood structure, with three sides for climbing, complete with rock-like handholds, and designed with one side for rappelling. One tower wall is slightly inclined for those new to the climbing experience. Harnesses, helmets and safety ropes are provided. Two or more facilitators assist with the tower.

The $5 fee includes all equipment and instruction. Individuals under 18 must have a parent or guardian present to climb.

For more information or to inquire about groups of 10 or more interested in climbing, contact Horn Field at HF-campus@wiu.edu or (309) 833-5798.

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GBCC Spring concert

The Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center (GBCC) Dance Troupe will present its annual spring concert, with the theme “Breakout: The Great Xscape,” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Dance styles will include modern, contemporary and jazz with an African-American focus. The performance is open free to the public.

For more information, call the GBCC at (309) 298-2220.

Film series changes

An increase of 25 cents has been added to the admission price for Western’s remaining International Film Series films shown on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Macomb’s Cinema I and II Theatres. Tickets are now $6 at the door.

Also, the April 22-23 film (show times 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.) will be “I’ve Loved You So Long,” by French novelist Philippe Claudel, who debuts as director of his story of a woman making her way back into normal life after serving a prison sentence for the murder of her son. (PG-13, 1:55, in French).
Professional activities

Dean Alexander, Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA), authored “Illinois Law Enforcement Perspectives on Homeland Security and Homeland Security Companies,” which was published in the Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal, March 2009. In addition, Alexander and Jill Myers, Terry Mors, Kim Dodson, and Darrell Ross, presented papers at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference, Boston, MA.


Dennis Bowman, LEJA, presented the paper “Community Policing in the United States” at a conference in Beijing, China.

Lee Brice, history, presented “Hellenism: The So-Called ‘Greek Man’s Burden’” at the 2009 DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference (DVSSC) on Feb. 27.


Richard Filipink, History, chaired a panel on “The Presidential Recordinigs: Problems and Opportunities in Kennedy / Johnson Historiography” at the annual Missouri Valley History Conference, held March 6-8 in Omaha, NE.


Terri Hare, Financial Aid, has been named vice president for senior public institutions in the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ILASFAA) for 2009-2010.

Virginia Jelatis, History, presented the paper “Trade in a Time of War: The Sac and Fox Indian and the LeMoin Trading Post, 1808-1813” at the 52nd Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, March 6-8 in Omaha, NE.

Emran Khan, LEJA, authored “Cultivating Human Performance: Correctional Officer Pre-service Training in Oklahoma,” which was published in Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal, March 2009.

Walter Kretchik, History, presented “In the Shadow of the Dragon: Foreign Devils, Boxers, and the China Relief Expedition of 1900” at the 2009 DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference on Feb. 27.


Darrell Ross, LEJA, and Ted Chan (co-author), were recognized by the National Public Risk Management Association for developing police training materials for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (Livonia, MI) on “Sudden Deaths In Police Custody,” and granted the organization’s Achievement Award.

Vladimir Sergeevnin, LEJA, spoke on “The Crisis of American Corrections” at a criminal justice conference in Vladimir, Russia.


William Thompson, University Libraries, and Ellyn Bartges, Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, presented “Open Admissions: Western Illinois University’s Official LGBT Student Orientation” at the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference (MBLGACC), Feb. 14 at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Bea Wehrly, Counselor Education and College Student Personnel Emeritus, was recognized as an Emerald Circle Supporter of the American Counseling Association (ACA) at the ACA Annual Conference and Exposition held March 19-23 in Charlotte, NC. Wehrly serves as a member of the ACA Editorial Review Board.

Robert Hironimus-Wendt, Sociology and Anthropology, served as a media expert regarding worker displacement and unemployment policy, giving radio interviews on WILL, Urbana-Champaign, IL, National Public Radio (NPR), Feb. 18, and “Focus 580 with David Inge” program, WUIU, Springfield, IL, Feb. 2.

Edward Woell, history, presented “The History and Heritage of French Louisiana” at the Teaching American History Spring Workshop at Western Illinois University, and “The French Revolutionary Paradox: Why the Pursuit for Freedom and Human Rights Caused Unprecedented Repression and Bloodshed” at the DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference Feb. 27. He also presented “Revolution and the Rituals of Resistance: The Politics and Polemics of Sacramental Practice during the Oath Crisis, 1790-1793” and served as commentator and chair of a panel, “Sovereignty and Violence in Late Eighteenth-Century Avignon,” at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting March 27-28 in St. Louis, MO.
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* Sunday, May 17 -- WIU-Quad Cities Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

‘Spring’ into health and wellness

To help Western faculty, staff and students get in on the 2008-09 theme “Health and Wellness: Challenges and Responsibilities,” this spring, various organizations and departments at WIU, including the human resources department and Campus Recreation, are sponsoring activities in April and May.

A list of activities is available at online at wiu.edu/wellness/events.php.

Harry Mussatto Golf Course Now Open

For more information and directions, contact the golf course office at (309) 298-3676.

Walking Group, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays through May 14, Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center (meet at patio, near Q-Lot). Call (309) 298-1228 for more information.

Minority Health Month-Health and Fitness Fair, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, Spencer Student Recreation Center Blood-pressure screening and blood-glucose testing will be offered free of charge.