Note From The Director

DSS Newsletter Welcome! It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are starting the 2014-2015 academic year. I hope you enjoyed your summer break. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read this edition of our E-Newsletter which has important and relevant information to assist you throughout the semester and year.

Feel free to come by the DSS Office to say hello and let us know how you are doing. We are here to assist you.

Wishing you a successful semester!

Priscilla F. Levine, MSW, LCSW
Director

Fall 2014 Important Dates

. Aug. 25: Classes Begin
. Aug. 25-29: Please visit the DSS office to complete your accommodation forms
. Aug. 29: Last day to Add/Drop classes for 100% tuition refund
. Sept. 1: No Classes/Labor Day
. Oct. 10: No Classes/Autumn Day
. Nov. 7: Priority registration for Spring 2014
. Nov. 26-28: No Classes/Thanksgiving Break
. Nov. 17-25: Completed test proctoring forms for FINALS due!
. Dec. 8-12: Finals Week

Spring 2015 Important Dates

. Jan. 12: Classes Begin
. Jan. 12-16: Please visit the DSS office to complete your accommodation forms
. Jan. 16: Last day to Add/Drop classes for 100% tuition refund
. Jan. 19: No classes/Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
. Feb. 18-20: No classes/Spring Break
. Mar. 30: No Classes/Spring Break
. Mar. 31: No classes/Cesar
Chavez Birthday
. Apr. 1-3: No Classes/Easter Break
. Apr. 20-24: Completed test proctoring forms for FINALS due!
. May 4-8: Finals Week

LMU Common Book

Dave Egger’s “The Circle” has been selected as the LMU Common Book for the 2014-15 academic year.

A parable about the perils of life in a digital age in which our personal data is increasingly collected, sifted and monetized, an age of surveillance and Big Data, in which privacy is obsolete, and Maoist collectivism is the order of the day. Using his fluent prose and instinctive storytelling gifts, Mr. Eggers does a nimble, and sometimes very funny, job of sending up technophiles’ naïveté, self-interest and misguided idealism . . . Mr. Eggers reminds us how digital utopianism can lead to the datafication of our daily lives, how a belief in the wisdom of the crowd can lead to mob rule, how the embrace of ‘the hive mind’ can lead to a diminution of the individual. The adventures of Mr. Eggers’s heroine, Mae Holland, an ambitious new hire at the company, provide an object lesson in the dangers of drinking the Silicon Valley Kool-Aid and becoming a full-time digital ninja . . . Never less than entertaining . . . Eggers is such an engaging, tactile writer that the reader happily follows him wherever he’s going . . . A fun and inventive read.”

Visit http://commonbook.lmu.edu for more information.

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William Hannon library has 11 facts you should know

11 things you need to know about… The William H. Hannon Library

1. Helps is always available-in person or online, no matter the hour
2. Millions of resources are available 24/7-from on or off campus
3. If we don’t own it, we can get it for you-free request from partner libraries
4. Social butterflies and solo studies-33 study rooms for reservations and individual carrels
5. Print, fax, copy, scan all here-visit information commons for more info
6. We have iMacs, lots of them-86 iMacs, which run both MAC OS & Windows
7. Print is not dead!-over 500,000 books and DVD’s that you can check out
8. This is a great place to work-one of the largest student employers on campus
9. Need a laptop? Here…borrow ours-Media/Reserve Desk on level 2
10. No shushing here…-free artistic & cultural exhibitions and scholarly, literary programming throughout the year
11. This is your library (yes, yours!)-contact them to see how they can support and enhance your experience at LMU

Visit the site at http://library.lmu.edu for more details.

Do you have Intramural ___________?
All Intramural Sports offered (for the semester) by the Department of Campus Recreation are listed on the Intramural Sports schedule. If you do not see the sport that you are looking for, then we do not currently offer it or we offer it in another semester. If there is a sport/activity that you would like to see offered, please contact the Intramural Sports office and we will see if we can fulfill your request.

For more information on Intramural Sports, call 310.568.6623.

Students need to opt out of parking each semester or the fees will stay on their account. All students registered in 7 or more semester hours will automatically be charged for parking via their student account on a semester basis. Students planning on parking at LMU must still register their vehicle regardless of being automatically billed, visit parking@lmu.edu.

Remember to opt out of parking in PROWL before it’s too late.

New Graduate Assistant

The DSS Office would like to introduce you to our new graduate assistant, Adalberto “Beto” Ramos.

Beto is an incoming graduate student pursuing a Masters in Educational Psychology. Beto received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from University of Phoenix in 2014. He has worked with and supported the educational needs of many children and adolescents in a variety of settings. He added, “I’m looking forward to broadening my ability to assist individuals in their learning process at the university level.”

If you have not yet had the chance to introduce yourself to Beto, please make some time to stop by and say hello.

Pictured Left to right: Haylea Drysdale, Chantelle Wells, Mary Ludwig, Adalberto (Beto) Ramos.
TOEFL, or some other high-stakes examination this year. To help you prepare more effectively, the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Services (ETS) has developed a brochure, “Tips for Test Takers with Disabilities.” This brochure can be found on the ETS Office of Disability Policy website.
http://www.ets.org/disabilities

Know Your CAPP Report

The CAPP Report is the formal record of your progress on your graduation requirements. It shows the classes you’ve taken, AND those you still need to take. To view your CAPP Report logon to PROWL, click “Student Services,” click “Student Records” and click “CAPP Report”. If you have questions understanding your CAPP Report, e-mail one of the University Advisors for an appointment: advising@lmu.edu.

Accommodation Forms Reminder

Accommodation forms must be completed for each class that you plan on using accommodations. DSS must approve your accommodation forms before you present them to your professors. Once your professor has signed your forms, it is your responsibility to return them to the DSS Office. You are encouraged to complete your accommodation forms every semester and as early in the semester as possible.

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