

# *INTD Department Newsletter*

## *April 2010*



### *Letter from Alan ~*

Looking forward to our fourth annual Grand Warrior Exchange

Interdisciplinary Studies looks forward to celebrating the fruition of our graduating seniors, brilliant students who have pursued answers to complex questions for our future engagement with the world to meet it and change it. They have found answers in between and from many fields of inquiry available at Naropa University. Please plan on attending as a guest this special evening. It will be great to see you all there. This week the seniors submit their thesis work. They've been in the depths of their work, but soon will celebrate a great step in their lives. I congratulate them.

INTD is submitting documents to the Faculty Curriculum Committee regarding the three semester experiment of the Directed Honors Reading and Research courses. I don't expect any obstacles to occur. If you are curious about the work of the department administratively, please stop by the office to read our Assessment Plan, Sample, and Report for the accreditation review. If you do, you will have a richer appreciation for the constitution of this degree and its validation. While I'm on this topic, I want to share just how grateful the department is to Marcia, our Administrative Director. She's blindingly swift in getting the job done, the questions answered, and the machinery of administration moving. When you see her, thank her.

Students are aware of the changes occurring at Naropa. If you are really interested, I encourage you to get involved in the student government which has representatives on the appropriate committees. In this way your information will not just be hearsay and from the streets by word of mouth. Furthermore your student voice is important during a time of change because it is also a time of opportunity. At Naropa students are truly heard and listened to. I am discovering that many of the rumors swirling about are inaccurate and reflect a misunderstanding of what is happening.

This last Friday Juliet Wagner was in town. Gaylon and I were so happy to see her again on campus.

*~Alan Hartway*

Chair of INTD Studies at Naropa University



### *Important Dates!*

**INTD department meeting** –April 15, 5-6pm, in Sycamore 8140. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

**Grand Warriors' Exchange** – **April 29, 2010, 7:00-8:30** Shambhala Hall. All are welcome!

### *Congratulations to our graduates!*

Lenisha Brown, Francisca Casal, Ivan Crockett, Mark Dunlap, Daralee Fallin, Sherry Gobaleza, Aaron Guman, Zoe Ladner, Rebecca Mayne, Daniel Shneyer, Akiva Steinmetz-Silber, and Jared Urchek.

Their mentors are: Suzanne Benally, Sreedevi Bringi, Marlow Brooks, Joan Bruemmer, Jeanine Canty, Barb Catabagan, Richard Dart, Robert Diehl, Bataan Faigao, Michael Girogo, Victor Gross, Caroline Hinkley, Howard Hoffman, Treneater Horton, Margot Iseman, Katharine Kaufman, Marco Lam, Jeremy Lowry, Meg Spohn, and Elaina Verveer.



### *Grand Warrior Exchange*

Every Spring semester we honor those graduating at the Grand Warrior Exchange. Mentors ask students to address their thesis topics and share their research experience. Everyone is invited to be an audience and support your fellow students. Refreshments are provided after the ceremony.



### *Registration for Fall*

Beginning **April 15<sup>th</sup>** students will be able to register for Fall 2010 courses. Courses available for the Fall are:

INTD 301 Gateway Seminar with Alan Hartway Thursdays 3-5:50

INTD 310 Feminist and Queer Methods of Inquiry Mondays 3-5:50

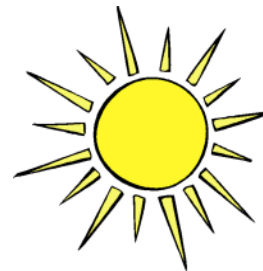
INTD 380 Advanced INTD Research Seminar with Gaylon Ferguson Tuesdays 12-2:50

INTD 480 Capstone Seminar with Gaylon Ferguson Thursdays 3-5:50

INTD 490A Special Topics: Scientific and Spiritual Encounters with Alan Hartway Tuesdays 3-5:50

### *Events Coming Up*

Just because school's out does not mean there aren't happenings around Boulder all summer long! Keep checking the Naropa calendar and the CU calendar. If you hear of any events going on don't hesitate to post it to our Facebook Group!



### *Student Submissions :*

Thank you Rebecca for writing in and sharing with the INTD community!

As graduation nears, I am become evermore appreciative of and thankful for the Interdisciplinary Studies Department. I originally chose this major because I felt as

if it were the only logical choice with the way my mind operates—I think most interdisciplinary students I’ve met have innately interdisciplinary thinking styles. The continual exercise in dynamic problem-based thinking of bridging subjects that never exist in isolation or stagnancy has shaped me into what I feel is a unique and strong candidate, both in the work field and as graduate school applicant. For the same reason, I know my education will never become obsolete. The INTD department requires analytical innovation from all its students in regards to relating potentially disparate issues and subjects. I have the privilege of leaving my undergraduate education with a thesis in which I was given the freedom to express both my creativity and passion, while constantly needing to defend it within the greater context of serving the world at large. The big question within INTD, “So what?” has pushed me both deeper into my internal journey, as well as demanded that I extend outward, critically applying my education. All the students in my graduating class are writing in depth theses on diverse topics that I find to be both intellectually rigorous and original. As you can probably tell, I feel really proud of the departments itself, as well as the students and professors that comprise it.

-Rebecca

Although this is the final newsletter for the spring, keep in mind that we’ll be back! Over summer break keep a journal of your adventures and share your story with us in the fall! Please send student writing, details of events you are coordinating, or a summary of projects you are involved in to [mhaddigan@naropa.edu](mailto:mhaddigan@naropa.edu). Contact Marcia with questions or comments.

### *Faculty Office Hours*

With the new semester there are new office hours!

Alan is available on Mondays 9-11, Tuesdays

9-12, Wednesdays 2-3 and Thursdays 9-2.

Gaylon is available on Mondays 2-4, Tuesdays 2:30-4:30 and Wednesdays 1:30-3:30.

### *Department Peeps*

Chair: Alan Hartway

Faculty: Alan Hartway, Gaylon Ferguson, Stuart Sigman and Michelle Naka Pierce

Administrative Director: Marcia Haddigan

Graduate Assistants: Amy Newell-Large MARS, and Katie McEwen MDIV

Workstudy: Caroline Czabala, Early Childhood Education