

INTD Department Newsletter

August 2008



Dear INTD folks,

So here's my summer story. On May 23rd I had my annual cardiac nuclear stress test, and my cardiologist was alerted to some concerns, so he recommended an angioplasty on June 11 to see if the placement of more stents could resolve the occluding areas on my heart. As it turned out they didn't proceed very far at all when they completely backed out. I was scheduled for an open heart quadruple bypass surgery on June 23rd, before I had a heart attack. This fine first day of school is the 63rd day, 9 weeks ago. I am in cardiac rehab three days a week. I've lost some weight and will lose more. Lots more.

I really have appreciated the prayers, blessings, and aspirations from so many people throughout the Naropa community for my recovery and health. I still need them. Here's where and how you can help. When you have an office visit with me and we're going to have a conversation, if there's any way you can make it peripatetic with me, that would be great. I do have to back off some of my commitments to take care of myself, and will try to be faithful and good to me by not working on Fridays. I need to rest as well as to walk. Strange combination.

I hope we have a fine semester together. I really live to teach. In rehab, they ask you to write your goals out. Naropa is one of my goals. Peace and blessings.

~Alan

Important Dates!

- **INTD department meetings** –September 30th and November 4th from 5:00-6:00p.m. Location to be announced. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!
- **Grand Warriors' Exchange** – April 30th, 7:00-9:30 p.m. Location to be announced. All are welcome!

Undergraduate Representative

The INTD Department is looking for an undergraduate representative for the 2008-2009 academic year to provide a voice for their fellow students. The student representative will attend department meetings every three weeks. If you are interested in volunteering for this position or nominating another INTD student, please contact Juliet Wagner in the INTD office at 303-245-4711 or via e-mail at jwagner@naropa.edu.

Welcome to our New Workstudy!

Please welcome Amy Newell-Large, the new INTD workstudy! Amy is pursuing an MA in Religious Studies with Sanskrit, and has a background in psychology, religion and philosophy. She has also worked as a research assistant with the White Sharks Project in South Africa and spent a semester in Florence, Italy. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Amy.

Directed Reading & Research

INTD is currently accepting applications for Directed Reading and Research Courses! Five spaces will be offered each semester in each course. If you are interested in applying for one of these courses, please contact Alan or Juliet for the guidelines and syllabus.

Student Submissions

The Interdisciplinary Studies Department would like to invite students to share their work with the INTD Community in the newsletter. Please send student writing, details of events you are coordinating, or a summary of projects you are involved in to jwagner@naropa.edu. Contact Juliet in the INTD office with questions or comments.

INTD Social Events Committee

We are looking for a few students who are interested in organizing one to two social events per year. If you enjoy bringing people together and building community, please contact Juliet at jwagner@naropa.edu and we will get the ball rolling!

FA08 Courses

INTD 301-The Gateway Seminar – Alan Hartway

INTD 380/680-Advanced INTD Research Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson

INTD 480-The Capstone Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson

INTD 490/690-Special Topics – Alan Hartway

INTD 881-Extended Master's Thesis – Gaylon Ferguson

New! INTD 490, Sec. B – Directed Reading – Facilitated by one of your mentors

New! INTD 490, Sec. C – Directed Research – Facilitated by one of your mentors

Department Peeps

Chair: Alan Hartway

Faculty: Alan Hartway, Gaylon Ferguson,
and Stuart Sigman

Administrative Director: Juliet Wagner

Undergraduate Rep: Position open

Graduate Rep: Jourdan Hill

Graduate Assistants: Jourdan Hill and
Wendy Havlir

Workstudy: Amy Newell-Large, Religious
Studies grad student