

INTD Department Newsletter

September 2009



Letter from Alan ~

Naropa has set itself a number of challenges this coming school year. INTD students will be involved in meeting these goals. An example of how this works is the inauguration of the Gender and Women's Studies minor beginning this Fall semester. This was a student generated and produced program, accredited and offered within the INTD department. I am very excited our ability to offer this; I am very grateful to the students who worked with such passion and devotion to making this happen for all of us. Our next minor we hope to develop will be in Media Studies, but it will be developed and thought out by students with faculty facilitation. Stay tuned for invitations for your involvement.

I was so surprised to be the first one to offer a line for the community poem during the convocation yesterday. I have no idea what made me say it in Spanish. "Estrellas, estrellas, descenso de los nueve cielos." Perhaps because I'd been reading the intriguing work of the Peruvian poet, Cesar Vallejo, this summer. I was then hoping others would follow suit and add lines in other languages. Makes me know how much we need Spanish offered here, and that students should agitate and promote this.

Another major task facing us is the implementation of assessment and the academic plan more richly in our department. As we gather data, we can drill down more deeply into the needs of our students in INTD. I will be asking for your help with this as we go along and keep you all posted.

Please welcome Marcia Haddigan, our new INTD administrative director; introduce yourself when you stop by the office. She is part of your broadly defined learning team to help you negotiate the Naropa waters. I've also heard from Juliet Wagner, who is settling into Tassajara Mountain Zen Center in California.

The new academic year has begun; I have 25 new INTD students in the Gateway Seminar. Peace and blessings on your year.

Alan Hartway

Chair of INTD Studies at Naropa University



*Hello From Marcia, Our **NEW** Administrative Director~*

I'm excited to be working with students and faculty after two years as office manager in Marketing and Communications. I'm originally from Illinois where I was a corporate project manager in online and classroom training. I love exploring Colorado and New Mexico, yoga, reading, volunteering, and spending time with my family in Denver. Soon I will complete my license to teach adults ESL and GED...in my free time. Please stop by Little House and say hi.

Welcome to our New Workstudy!

Caroline Czabala comes to Naropa as a transfer student from Antioch College, originally from Chicago. She's here studying Early Childhood Education. Please stop in and welcome her to our INTD community!



Important Dates!

INTD department meetings – Sept 24 and Nov 5, Lincoln 4140, 5-6pm.
Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

Grand Warriors' Exchange – **April 29, 2010**. 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 Marcia Haddigan in the INTD office at 303-245-4711 or via e-mail at mhaddigan@naropa.edu.

United Naropa Reps

Liz Bacon and Steve Yoho are our INTD representatives to Naropa's Student Government, United Naropa. If you have any issues, concerns, events... which can be brought to the greater student body's attention please let them know! They're happy to be our voice to the Naropa community.



Update on Directed Reading & Research

Start thinking ahead for Spring 2010! Preferred over an Independent Study, consider taking a Directed Reading and Research course with your mentor! Just go to the INTD web site, read the syllabus for the course, follow the form and develop a proposal with your mentor stating your purpose. Finally, come see Alan and get you plan into action!



***New!** Minor in Gender and Women's Studies*

Congratulations to all the students who worked to bring Gender and Women's Studies to Naropa! Beginning this Fall the INTD Department is proud to introduce the Gender and Women's studies Minor! Two courses are currently being offered, Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies, as well as Feminist and Queer Methods of Inquiry.

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 mhaddigan@naropa.edu. Contact Marcia 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 or two social events per year. If you enjoy bringing people together and building community, please contact Marcia at mhaddigan@naropa.edu and we will get the ball rolling!



FA09 Courses

INTD 210- Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies – Michelle Naka Pierce
INTD 301-The Gateway Seminar – Alan Hartway
INTD 310- Feminist and Queer Methods of Inquiry – Michelle Naka Pierce
INTD 380-Advanced INTD Research Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson
INTD 480-The Capstone Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson
INTD 490-Special Topics Shamanic Cosmologies – Alan Hartway
INTD 490, Sec. B – Directed Reading – Facilitated by one of your mentors
INTD 490, Sec. C – Directed Research – Facilitated by one of your mentors

Faculty Office Hours

Need to make an appointment with Alan or Gaylon? Stop by Little House and sign up!
Alan is available Tuesdays 9:30-noon, Wednesdays 1:00-2:30, and Thursdays 1:00-3:00
Gaylon is available Tuesdays 10:30-11:30, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00, and Thursdays 10:00-noon.

Department Peeps



Chair: Alan Hartway

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

**Administrative Director: Marcia
Haddigan**

Undergraduate Rep: Position open

**Graduate Assistants: Amy Newell-
Large, and Katie McEwen both
Religious Studies grad students**

**Workstudy: Caroline Czabala, Early
Childhood Education**