

# *INTD Department Newsletter*

## *Fall 2010*



### *Letter from Alan ~*

Dear INTD Majors, alumni, and friends of interdisciplinarity,

The semester has begun; we have about 65 students in the department. It's always somewhat of an estimate to know precise numbers until the add/drop dust has settled, so if you are interested in such things, please stop me and ask at some future date. But that does mean this department serves a large student cohort, each with highly unique needs for advising, research guidance and direction, support and affirmation, and sometimes just plain "HELP!" That's how I feel at the beginning of this semester.

Gaylon and I are still your faculty. We welcome Dr. Lynn DiLorenzo as adjunct to the department; she will be teaching the INTD 310 Methods of Feminist and Queer Inquiry. You can see that rather than shrinking, we are in fact growing.

One of the best ways you can help me and one another is to get to know one another, ask questions, and provide accurate and sane answers when asked by your peers and the community beyond Naropa. It helps me just because it saves a lot of time backtracking, backpedaling, and removing the foot from the mouth. In other words, please stop the rumor mill; it's not helping. You will also realize that what you are reading and writing about has value to others; Academia thrives on opening up and expanding the conversation in every direction and creating dialogue with everyone.

Getting to know one another also builds and affirms community of interdisciplinarians. You will soon realize you are not alone, and you will find others with similar interests. We have a Gateway Seminar this fall of 24 new INTD majors. Please come to welcome them to the department.

Please plan on attending our all student departmental meetings. One is this Thursday at 6 pm in LIN 4130 and the other is November 18<sup>th</sup> same time and

place. Your participation helps to shape the department. For one thing we will immediately begin to talk about what we want to do for Special Topics in the following school year. We need and value your input.

While we miss Marcia Haddigan, we welcome Michael Girodo as our department's new administrative director. Remember that we share him with PAX and TRA, so he has lots of work and his own schedule. Marcia secured a job with One Earth Fund Foundation in Louisville last May; I hear from her from time to time, and she is happy.

Please also welcome our new work study, Elize, and our new graduate research assistant Rene. Amy Newell-Large is our returning graduate administrative assistant in the front office. Amy graduates this fall from REL with a Master's Degree. We will have someone new for the spring.

Kate Levine has departed Naropa for DU Metro downtown; the admissions office has assigned Adam Shefflo as our admissions councilor for INTD. I know that many of you came in with Kate's invitation, so I know she will be missed. I will miss her insights and humor.

We will have a number of announcements to share Thursday evening. I hope to see you there. A beverage and light snacks will be provided. My intention is that we have a great year together and fun besides. Peace and every beneficence.

*Alan Hartway*

Chair of INTD Studies at Naropa University

## *Hello From Michael Girodo, Our **NEW** Administrative Director~*

I am excited to be working in this department and look forward to getting to know all of you. I have been at Naropa University since 1984 when I was an undergraduate student (Yes, 26 years ago). I graduated in 1987 with my BA in Eastern & Western Psychology. I have most recently been working as AD in the department of Contemplative Education, where I just finished my Masters Degree. As you can see I am passionate both about Naropa and about education, and to keep that passion burning I also teach courses as a Staff Lecturer. This fall I teach a class called Maitri & Learning Styles for the Education department.

Please stop by the Little House so I can get to know you. I look forward to supporting you on your educational journey.

## *Welcome to our New Work-study!*

**Elize Brewer is just beginning her MA in Religious Studies. She attended Antioch College, and is originally from Chicago. Please stop in and welcome Elize to our INTD community!**

## *Welcome Graduate Assistants!*

Amy Newell-Large is our returning Graduate Assistant. She works with Michael on the administrative side of things. This is Amy's fifth and final semester with INTD as she will graduate this December with her MA in Religious Studies.

Rene Ford joins us this semester as our research Graduate Assistant. She is currently working on her MA in Indo-Tibetan studies. We are thrilled to have Rene join the INTD team!

## *Welcome to our New Adjunct Faculty Lynn DiLorenzo*

After a twenty year career in higher education, I took a break a few years ago, to pay attention to some stirrings in my soul. Retreating from a pretty hectic lifestyle, I have created a more balanced, fulfilling life that has included spiritual life coaching, political and community involvement, creating art, time with family and friends and now teaching part-time. I'm happy to be making room in this new life for my passion for teaching social justice, feminism, and research methodology, and to be part of Naropa. I have two adult children, who live in Seattle, and a fifteen year old son who lives with my husband, me, two cats and a dog in Denver.

## *Important Dates!*



**INTD department meetings – Sept 2 and Nov 18, Lincoln 4130, 6-7pm.**

This gathering is right after the Gateway Seminar class.

Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

**Grand Warriors' Exchange – April 28, 2011, 7pm.** Shambhala Hall. All are welcome!

## *Undergraduate Representative*

The INTD Department is looking for an undergraduate representative for the 2010-2011 academic year to provide a voice for their fellow students. The student representative will attend department meetings every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Our first meeting is scheduled for 9/13 at 9am in the 2111 Conference room. If you are interested in volunteering for this position or nominating another INTD student, please contact Michael Girodo in the

INTD office at 303-245-4711 or via e-mail at [mgirodo@naropa.edu](mailto:mgirodo@naropa.edu).

## *United Naropa Reps*

INTD is in need of Student Government, United Naropa, representatives. If you have any issues, concerns, events... which can be brought to the greater student body's attention please consider joining the Naropa community through student government!



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

This is the first semester of Naropa's minor in Gender and Women's Studies! Thank you to everyone who worked together in creating our new concentration. 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. Let us know what you did over the summer, send in a piece of writing or details of events that you are coordinating, or a summary of projects you are involved in. We want to share what our students

are up to! Please send submissions to [mgirodo@naropa.edu](mailto:mgirodo@naropa.edu). Contact Michael 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 Michael Girodo in the INTD office at 303-245-4711 or via e-mail [mgirodo@naropa.edu](mailto:mgirodo@naropa.edu).

And we will get the ball rolling!



## *Events At Naropa*

**Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>** at noon: Naropa's Resource Festival with organizations from the Boulder area. In PAC.

**Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>** at noon: Naropa's President speaks on the upcoming year at Naropa. In PAC.

**Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9:20am: BFA performance highlighting fall work in the classroom. In PAC.

**Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>** at noon: Graduate School Fair. Graduate Schools will have booths set up to talk about your future and what their school can offer. In PAC.

To learn about more events happening at Naropa visit: <http://www.naropa.edu/news/dailyupdate.cfm>



## Events With Our **CU** Neighbors

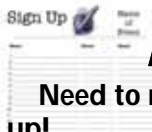
at noon-1:00 in the atrium of the UMC Per Hultquist plays the didgeridoo.

7-9pm in the Glenn Miller Ballroom at the UMC "Hip-Hop Ambassador" from Baltimore Shodekeh will perform with CU music students.  
**Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>** 7-9pm in the Dance Building Rm 150: Malaysian Shadow Puppet Theatre. Professor Beth Osnes will perform Dalang Muda, the opening ceremony of Malaysian Wayang Kulit.

To see more events hosted by CU check out their calendar at:  
<http://events.colorado.edu/>

## FA10 Courses

**INTD 301-The Gateway Seminar – Alan Hartway**  
**INTD 310- Feminist and Queer Methods of Inquiry – Lynn DiLorenzo**  
**INTD 380-Advanced INTD Research Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson**  
**INTD 480-The Capstone Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson**  
**INTD 490-Special Topics Science & Religion – 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 Mondays 10:00-10:30, Tuesdays 1:00-3:00, Wednesdays 1:00-2:00, and Thursdays 10:00-11:00.

Gaylon is available Mondays 1:00-2:30, Wednesdays 1:00-2:30, and Thursdays 1:30-3:00.

## Department Folks

Chair: Alan Hartway

Faculty:

Alan Hartway  
Gaylon Ferguson  
Stuart Sigman  
Lynn DiLorenzo

Administrative Director:

Michael Girodo  
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Undergraduate Rep:

Position open

Graduate Assistants:

Amy Newell-Large (REL Grad Student)  
Rene Ford (REL Grad Student)

Work-study:

Elize Brewer (REL Grad Student)