



*INTD  
Department  
Newsletter*

*September 2008*

*Important Dates!*

- **INTD department meetings** –September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00p.m. in **Lincoln 4140**. We will be electing an undergraduate student rep, discussing the details of the new Directed Reading and Research courses, brainstorming ideas for new Special Topics courses, and general mingling and sociability. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!
- **Grand Warriors' Exchange** – **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:30 p.m.** Location to be announced. All are welcome!

*AIS Conference*

INTD MA student Jordan Hill and Alan received grant funds to attend the annual Association for Integrative Studies Conference on October 23-26 at the University of Illinois Springfield. Jordan has been invited to present his work on all US MA graduate INTD programs which will be then available online and as a resource text for students and admissions offices nationwide. The AIS 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference is focused around the topic of INTD studies and service learning. You will find a full report here in our departmental newsletter and as well by attending departmental meetings. Check out the AIS website for conference information and topics.

<http://www.units.muohio.edu/aisorg/>

*Women & Gender Studies  
Update*

It is very exciting for us that the Women and Gender Studies minor is proceeding through the approval process; it is now on its way to Naropa's Curriculum Committee with the support of Academic Affairs. This has been almost entirely a student-generated minor in writing it and managing it through the process. INTD is very proud to be a part of the development and accreditation process of this new minor here. Updates will be here in the INTD newsletter and by attending departmental meetings. We could possibly begin to offer this minor in the next academic year.

## *INTD 490: Making Friends with Death and Dying*

(The following is a draft course description for Gaylon's Special Topics course in SP09. If you have suggested books or articles for this course, please contact Gaylon or Juliet.)

*"Death is real, it comes without warning."*

What are the possibilities for a sane communal response to dying? This course integrates diverse perspectives on death and dying from literature (Joan Didion), philosophy (Heidegger and Derrida), hospice and palliative care (Elizabeth Kubler-Ross), social psychology (Becker's *Denial of Death*), and religion (*The Tibetan Book of the Dead*). Open to all.

### *Undergraduate Representative*

The INTD Department is looking for an undergraduate representative for the 2008-2009 academic year to provide a voice for the INTD 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](mailto:jwagner@naropa.edu). Elections will be held at the September 30<sup>th</sup> department meeting.

### *Directed Reading & Research*

INTD is currently accepting applications for Directed Reading and Research Courses for SP09. 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](mailto:jwagner@naropa.edu). Contact Juliet in the INTD office with questions or comments.

### *SP09 Courses*

INTD 301-The Gateway Seminar – Gaylon Ferguson

INTD 480-The Capstone Seminar – Alan Hartway

INTD 490/690-Special Topics (Making Friends with Death and Dying) – 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