

ILEAD

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President's Letter



Happy New Year to you all!

By the time you read this, ILEAD's winter term will have begun. I've just reviewed the winter catalog and was reminded once again of the impressive scope of courses we offer to our ever-inquisitive members. Consider "Memoirs of a Scottish Traveler's (Gypsy) Life," "Regional Visions of the Upper Valley," and "Ragtime: the American Art Form that Changed its Time and Changed the World." The number and diversity of courses speak to the enormous effort our volunteers and staff make year after year. That in turn prompts me to point out that our Nominating Committee is currently looking for volunteers for both the Nominating Committee and Leadership Council. If you, or anyone you know, would like to serve please let me know.

When you stop by the office please welcome Alyssa Doyle, our bright new assistant, a 2009 graduate of Keene State College. Alyssa is working part time to help Lisa and Jill with the ever-increasing workload. Painters and electricians have totally redecorated our musty old storage room, turning it into a quite charming office space.

New ILEAD By-laws call for us to create ILEAD Advisors to bring together experienced leaders from other professional fields for advice and counsel on issues facing ILEAD now and in the years ahead. We've already attracted half of the initial group and hope to be able to announce the full membership shortly. The eight initial members of ILEAD Advisors are: Andrew Bernard, the Jack Byrne, professor of International Economics at Tuck and director of Tuck's Center for International Business; Stephen Christy, president and CEO Mascoma Bank; Barbara Couch, vice president, human resources, Hypertherm; Aine Donovan, executive director of Dartmouth's Ethics Institute; Michelle Ollie, co-founder of the Center for Cartoon Studies; Carrie Pelzel, senior vice president, advancement; Peter Silberfarb, professor of psychiatry and medicine; and Ken Yalowitz, director, Dickey Center for International Understanding. We expect this group to meet for the first time in February or March, 2011.

The Planning Committee has created a technology task force. It will examine opportunities for strengthening ILEAD's future education programs using more of today's technology.

Finally I'm delighted to inform you that ILEAD's gift fund as of January 5 had received \$10,350 from 107 member households interested in Sustaining 20 Years of Excellence. Thank you to all who have already given. We hope to reach our goal of \$25,000 by June 30th.

Ann Hargraves, President

Dartmouth Student Sets an ILEAD Record

In the ILEAD Book of Records, Cavan Stone, a congenial, 27-year-old Dartmouth graduate student, deserves special mention.



Stone is the first Dartmouth student to take an ILEAD course. He learned about ILEAD through an orientation session at Dartmouth for graduate students. Stone enrolled in ILEAD's six-week session on energy policy and the nuclear alternative, led by Bob Hargraves at the Montshire Museum (that venue is also a first, arising from the new partnership between ILEAD and the Montshire).

The chief custodian of ILEAD's memory bank, Lisa King, said Dartmouth students have, on occasion, attended some of the summer lectures sessions. But she can't recall a Dartmouth student ever signing up for an ILEAD course.

Physics was the hook, according to Stone. He majored in physics at Lafayette College, and is in his first year of the physics graduate program at Dartmouth. His paternal grandfather, the late Richard Stone, had a strong influence when Cavan ("an Irish name meaning 'handsome'", he confided with an impish grin) was growing up in Shirley, Massachusetts. His grandfather was also a physicist, and helped Admiral Rickover design the reactor for the US nuclear submarine, the Seawolf.

"When I learned that Bob Hargraves was a physicist who once worked at Arthur D. Little, where my grandfather also worked for a time, that was it...I signed up," he explained.

Stone says the ILEAD course is, "Excellent. I am familiar with the technical issues, the physics. What is really interesting are the political and social issues involving energy policy, particularly nuclear. I am learning a lot about the controversy over the Vermont Yankee plant."

Tom Blinkhorn

ILEAD HAS A VISITOR FROM JAPAN

In September, Tomoo Matsuda, a senior project manager with the Platinum Society Association of Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc., Japan, an organization looking for innovative solutions for Japan's graying population, visited ILEAD to learn about lifelong learning for retired people. He also visited Kendal to learn about assisted living facilities.

Matsuda's questions ranged from the development of ILEAD (we gave him a copy of Hank Buermeyer's excellent history of ILEAD), to the relationship between the College and ILEAD, the relationship between the town and ILEAD, collaboration between ILEAD and Kendal, how we teach our teachers (we cited Evva Larson's, "How to Teach an ILEAD Course," and the mentoring program for study leaders), and the possible healthful effects of lifelong learning.

Matsuda said he was intrigued by the wide range of ILEAD courses, and a statement in an earlier catalog and on our web site that a course might be taught by a retired diplomat.

Ann Hargraves

ILEAD was represented by Lisa King, Ann Hargraves, Evva Larson, Bruce Macdonald and Dr. Dennis McCulloch.

The Membership Services Committee hosted the **Annual Holiday party** on December 16 at the Dartmouth Outing Club House. This party is given each year in appreciation of study leaders, committee members, and the leadership council. Approximately, 130 guests enjoyed fine food and friendship.

Mary Ann Holbrook,
Chair, Membership Services Committee

Around the Area

Below is information about events outside of ILEAD

French Conversation Group in Hanover

Open to anyone wanting to speak French in a group setting.
Tuesday evenings at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Novack Café, Baker-Berry Library at Dartmouth College
If you are interested, please contact Marian Dean at 802.296.6046 or e-mail at marianne@dartmouth.edu

Dartmouth College events:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/calendar/cal>

The Hood Museum: <http://hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu/calendar/> and
The Hopkins Center: <http://hop.dartmouth.edu/>

DHMC (health and wellness, programs):
<http://bit.ly/gVvOoQ>

From ValleyNet: <http://calendar.theupper-valley.net/events/> and <http://www.valley.net/links/calendars.html>



ILEAD ON THE MOVE

Our Study-Travel program in 2011 brings members the opportunity to cruise the coast of Norway in May, and learn about Ghanaian communities Senchi Ferry or Akrada by living there in August and September.

Our 2011 Special Events calendar has a trip to Boston to see the Big Apple Circus.

See this newsletter's Calendar for dates and visit <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ilead> for more information about Study-Travel and Special Events programs.

The Study-Travel committee is looking for suggestions for future trips. Along with trips to Norway and Ghana with the Global Volunteers, also planned are trips to Switzerland, in the summer 2012, and Estonia, in 2013. A trip to the southwest is also being considered.

ILEAD members went to Washington, DC as part of the Study-Travel program.

If you have any suggestions for future trips please e-mail frances.friedman@dartmouth.edu

In November 22, ILEAD members ventured to Washington, DC, in the second phase of ILEAD's Study-Travel program. The first phase was a classroom course.



The trip included tours of the White House, the Capitol, and US Supreme Court—three impressive buildings housing our three branches of government. We also

toured Arlington National Cemetery, a treasure, and had an evening trolley ride to see various monuments. Free time during the weekend allowed for visiting museums and other sights.

Our trip was preceded by a six-week course on our Nation's Capital. We were fortunate to have three wonderful speakers. Cyndy Bittinger, formerly director of the Calvin Coolidge Historical Site and Foundation, talked about First Ladies in the White House and how they felt about the residence. Charlie Bass, our newly re-elected Congressman, talked about how the US Congress functions and shared memories of his earlier service there. We were especially privileged to have the Honorable David Souter, Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court, address the class about the Court.

Martha Clark

Ghana Trip

It's not too late! I am planning a trip to Ghana from August 27-September 10. To learn more e-mail me, sncohen037@gmail.com. I'd love to talk with you about this exciting venture in volunteer/tourism.

Susan Cohen

ILEAD'S SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

Corruption Pervades our World

Every day, the news covers yet another story of corruption, some international, but too often here in our own federal, state, and local governments, as well as other major fields. Both its seriousness and pervasiveness are factors that have piqued our interest. So next year's ILEAD Summer Lecture Series will focus exclusively on Corruption!

Too often we view corruption as a criminal activity, practiced by the organized crime, drug cartels, and international pirates. But upon closer perusal, the impact of corruption deepens, knows no boundaries, and can be found--always growing--in many more parts of society than expected. These include sports, religion, and even law enforcement, whose job it seemingly is to combat corruption.

We won't have time to examine every potential area - medical ethics, academic excesses, military behavior, and more - but we will be addressing a few critically important ones in order to demonstrate corruption's vigor, consistent growth, and threat to our very society and its core values. Currently we are still chasing down experts in several fields. The end product promises to be as illuminating and exciting as anything we've previously covered.

So save the Summer Lecture Series dates, July 6 through August 17; get your tickets early; and start creating your own awareness of those daily examples of corruption all around us. Let's learn How, Where and Why it occurs, grows and thrives.

Bruce Macdonald

ILEAD SALON RETURNS

You are invited to join ILEAD members as they share their passion for the written word. ILEAD members have both published and those have begun writing as a result of ILEAD'S extraordinary encouragement. They write in all genres including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essay and memoir. We hope you will join us at this, our second literary event. Look for a detailed announcement in early March.

*"I write because I like the sweet-salt tang of words that bite,
I write because dawn is an orange tangerine and the clock is ticking louder."*

Pam Ahlen, event organizer



ILEAD members taking the course, Environmental Choices, Rethinking Nuclear Power, visited Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

ILEAD Course Leader Profile

BARBARA BUTLER

Barbara Butler is a respected social researcher, writer, and teacher. In her classes on the cultural anthropology of food, she acted as a gourmet guide who invited us to think about food and its place in our lives in entirely new ways.

When asked why she chooses to teach at ILEAD now, after retiring as a college professor, Butler broke out with a characteristic peel of laughter and said, "That's easy! With ILEAD, I've graduated to teaching the people I've always wanted to have as students--experience-rich adults with bright enquiring minds."

This spring, Butler will be back to share her expertise in anthropology in a course titled, "*Is it Cockadoodle doo or Cocoricó?* Explorations into the Origin and Diversity of Human Language."

With years of field research and teaching anthropological linguistics, as well as language competency in French, Latin, Spanish, and Quechua – the indigenous language of the Incas in Ecuador - Butler is well prepared to invite us on a guided journey to unravel the clues embedded in language. There are clues that reveal, for example, how the language we speak creates our social identities. Butler will also point us to larger language patterns. These patterns explain how our modern languages developed differently to adjust to peoples' needs, based on geographic and social contexts.

If you are interested in the anthropology of language, consider joining other "bright enquiring minds" in Butler's class this spring. Embark on a linguistic detective's journey through time and culture.

Banisa Saint Damian

*Chair, Study Leader Support
Member, Curriculum Committee*



ALYSSA JOINS ILEAD!

Please welcome Alyssa Doyle to the ILEAD staff. Alyssa is from Lebanon, New Hampshire, and graduated from Keene State with a degree in Journalism.

She is a wonderful addition to ILEAD and I hope everyone will stop by to welcome her.

Lisa King,
Program Coordinator



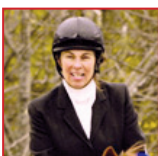
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From the Editor



Happy 2011 to you from
ILEAD.

A whole new year lies before us.

Wouldn't it be a good time when the spring catalog arrives to enroll in ILEAD courses? Or how about a trip? You can sign up for an ILEAD trip to Boston and/or Ghana.

Think about all the new adventures you can plan for spring and summer. Look for updates about special events and trips on ILEAD's web site:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ilead/>

Janet Schoeler, Editor

ILEAD HAPPENINGS **SAVE THE DATE**

April 30, 2011
Big Apple Circus
City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA

May 18, 2011
ILEAD Annual Meeting
Alumni Hall - Dartmouth College
Speaker - Tom Powers

May 26-June 9, 2011
Norway Trip

August 27-September 10, 2011
Ghana Trip

For on-going special lectures and trips:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ilead/>

Lisa's Corner

**LAPTOP
COMPUTER
WANTED**



Course leaders
could use your help.

In this age of technology, we are always looking for ways to improve our programs. For course leaders, this means having a good laptop computer with PowerPoint to use while teaching ILEAD courses.

Can you help fill this need?
If so, please call Lisa at 603.646.0154.

Lisa King, Program Coordinator