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The Alumnae of Northwestern University Awards Ten Grants for Academic Enrichment

EVANSTON, ILL. --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has awarded funding for ten programs that will bring guest artists and distinguished speakers to the campuses of Northwestern University. The grants, totaling more than \$29,000, are funded with earnings from the Academic Enrichment Endowment, established in 1991 as one of The Alumnae's 75th Anniversary gifts to the University.

"The Alumnae takes great pride in its ability to enrich the undergraduate experience by funding these innovative programs, which feature a variety of speakers – journalists, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, musicians – visiting the campuses of Northwestern," according to The Alumnae's Academic Enrichment chair, Maggie Lovaas.

The projects are listed in alphabetical order by school.

BIENEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

- **Symphonic Wind Ensemble 50th Anniversary Concert**

Mallory Thompson, Professor of Music

John W. Beattie, Chair of Music, Director of Bands, Coordinator of Conducting Program

The Symphonic Wind ensemble, which consists of the finest woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019. A planned reunion concert will feature alumni of the ensemble who are now performing in major symphony orchestras and elite military bands around the country. The weekend event will feature varied opportunities for undergraduate students to observe rehearsals and attend panel discussions on relevant topics, attend the concert, and otherwise interact with these outstanding professionals who are their predecessors and role models.

BLOCK MUSEUM

- **Repositioning Africa in History: Lecture by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

Kathleen Bickford Berazock, Associate Director of Curatorial Affairs

Susannah Bielak, Susan and Stephen Wilson Associate Director of Engagement/Curator of Public Practice

Renowned scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will discuss the legacy of medieval trade routes across the Sahara Desert. The lecture will be the headline event for the Block's upcoming exhibition *Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture, and Exchange Across Medieval Saharan Africa*.

BUFFET INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES

- **GlobeMed Annual Summit**

Brittany Zeich, Executive Director, GlobeMed

The GlobeMed Summit on Northwestern's campus provides students with a critical understanding of the intersections between global health and social justice. Distinguished speakers will give keynote addresses. Past speakers have included: Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, and Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

- **Cuban Theatre: Another Tempest**

Henry D. Godinez, Professor

Department of Theatre

Workshop to bring famed Cuban director Flora Lauten and playwright Raquel Carrio from Cuba to develop the first-ever English language translation of their internationally acclaimed production of *La Otra Tempestad*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Additionally, Lauten and Carrio will share their personal perspectives on the state of free expression in theatre and film in Cuba today. The undergraduates in the workshop will come from the Departments of Theatre, Performance Studies, Radio TV and Film, Spanish and Portuguese, and Latina/o Studies.

- **Broadway Music Director Lecture and Masterclass Series**

Ryan T. Nelson, Lecturer, Music Theatre (School of Communication) and Music Director (Wirtz Performing Arts Center), Department of Theater

Four Broadway music directors will be invited to give lectures and presentations on their varied careers. Each brings a unique view point to their creative work as arrangers, conductors, and orchestrators for the theatre. Each artist will present a lecture for all theatre students as well as a more specific (skill-oriented) presentation for the music director students, and an audition masterclass for the music theatre performers.

McCORMICK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

- **Progression Mechanics Conference**

Chaz Evans, Lecturer in the Department of Radio/TV/Film, School of Communications

Lester Greenman, Senior Specialist, Northwestern Information Technology

Robert Zubek, Instructor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Ian Horswill, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Computer Science

Progression Mechanics 2 will be Northwestern's second annual conference on the future of video games. Game development scholars, industry practitioners, and undergraduate students will be brought together for a weekend of talks and discussions about the medium and industry of video games, its current development, and future trajectory.

MEDILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA, INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

- **Reporting Challenges in the Era of "Fake News"**

Ellen Shearer, William F. Thomas Professor, Executive Editor Medill News Service

Students in the Medill on the Hill undergraduate program at Medill in Washington, D.C. will be taught strategies to report and write in ways that help audiences understand how the information in stories was obtained to ensure readers and viewers to believe in the veracity of the facts presented. Speakers who have conducted research on this topic will be brought to the D.C. campus for a series for four three-hour lectures and exercises.

WEINBERG SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- **Faces of Science: A Lecture Series, NUBonD (NU Building on Diversity)**

Teri W. Odom, Professor, Department of Chemistry

Building on an infrastructure that was developed in the 2016-17 academic year and beyond, the Faces of Science Lectures will be a two-day lecture series that promotes scientific excellence in conjunction with a dedication to diversity. The goal of this seminar series is to expose current undergraduate and graduate students to positive role models who are leaders in their field and/or to promote diversity in the sciences.

- **Patricia J Williams *Alchemy of Race and Rights* Conference**

Jennifer Nash, Associate Professor, African-American Studies and Gender and Sexuality

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program will conduct a one-day conference celebrating Patricia Williams' groundbreaking *Alchemy of Race and Rights*. The conference will feature an

array of preeminent scholars who work in disciplines ranging from sociology to art history, history to anthropology.

- **Visit by the writer Deborah Baker through the Kaplan Institute for the Humanities' Artist in Residence Program (Fall 2018), with co-sponsorship by the History Department**

Deborah Cohen, Professor of the Humanities and Professor of History, History Department

Peter B. Ritzma, Professor of the Humanities and Professor of History, History Department

In conjunction with Kaplan's Artist in Residence Program, Deborah Baker will hold writing workshops with students and faculty and will meet one-on-one with members of Northwestern's community.

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is an all-volunteer organization of women that raises funds for a wide range of projects to benefit Northwestern while sharing the university's academic resources with the community through its Continuing Education program. Founded in 1916 and celebrating the 50th year of its Continuing Education program, The Alumnae has given more than \$8 million to the university in the form of grants, fellowships, scholarships, an endowed professorship, and summer internships. For more information, visit The Alumnae website (www.nualumnae.org).

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