

Team Teaching Challenges, Rewards

Erin Laverick, Ph.D., director of the Intensive English Language Program and assistant professor of English as an international language, and Nicole Diederich, Ph.D., chair of the department of English and professor of English, are working to diversify The University of Findlay's campus community.

With their specialized backgrounds, the pair established a model for a team-taught course. In spring 2010 – after much preparation – Diederich and Laverick taught an English 202 class on global literature. Both domestic students and international students from countries including India, Turkey, Korea and Japan participated in the course.

“The goal of the class was to team up to help internationalize our campus,” said Laverick. “We had our students participate in some activities such as International Night, and we encouraged them to get out on campus and work together in class discussions and papers ... from day one we wanted it to be a collaborative atmosphere to meet course objectives and to learn about each other's cultures.”

Diederich says team teaching is both rewarding and challenging.

“The communication in the class was more complex than usual – team teaching is a phenomenon that doesn't happen much anymore,” said Diederich. “It was like extended professional development

for us. It was challenging, yes, but it was rewarding to see students interact and learn things from multiple points of view.”

According to Laverick, the benefits extend beyond the course.

“It was so rewarding to work with a colleague and learn how to improve my teaching. It was nice to work with someone to run ideas by and get helpful feedback.”

The pair discussed their challenges and successes during an Engaged Learning Series Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the Teaching Academy and the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) on Oct. 20. Their presentation was titled “Team Teaching: Responding to

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UF Strives to Break its Own Record

On Nov. 10, the University, with its dining service, Sodexo, will participate in Helping Hands Across America and attempt to break UF's 2009 national record of 17,825 pounds of food collected in a 12-hour period. The event is part of Sodexo's nationwide food drive.

Each faculty and staff member who donates at least 15 pounds of food will receive one free meal in Henderson Dining Hall and be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Each student organization that donates at least 200 pounds of food will be invited to a V.I.P. night at Henderson Dining Hall, and the

organization that contributes the most food will receive a pizza and bowling party.

The Findlay community is invited to drop off donations of canned goods at Henderson Dining Hall, located on Frazer Street, between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. After the items have been counted and recorded, they will

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Robert Cecire, Ph.D., left, drops off a bag of canned goods during last year's Helping Hands Across America food drive. Crystal Weitz, center, and two students help check-in donations.

'The Glass Menagerie' Opens Nov. 10

Findlay will present "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams at 8 p.m. Nov. 10-12 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 14 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts.

The play is directed by Vicki McClurkin, instructor of theatre, and stage managed by Michelle Billen, UF student. Greg Griffin is scenic, sound and light designer, and Kathy Newell is costume designer for the show.

Call UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 for tickets.

Set in the 1930s, "The Glass Menagerie" is told through the eyes of Tom Wingfield, played by Kevin Subler. He returns home and

remembers his life, taking us to a tenement in St. Louis, Mo., during the Depression.

He lives with his mother, Amanda, played by Heather Williams, and his sister, Laura, played by Maranda Knepp. His father left the family years before.

Each member of the family is trying desperately to escape from real time.

For a few moments, Laura is lifted out of her world by a gentleman caller, Jim, played by Cameron Lightfoot, who comes to dinner, but soon all hopes of a normal life collapse for each character.

This classic, written by Tennessee Williams, is one of his first plays and is autobiographical.



"The Glass Menagerie" cast (from bottom of stairs to top): Kevin Subler, Maranda Knepp, Heather Williams and Cameron Lightfoot.

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Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon is Nov. 23

The Office of International Admissions and Services will host its annual Thanksgiving luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, in

Winebrener Theological Seminary.

Faculty and staff are invited and asked to bring a dish to share or a \$6 donation to help cover the cost.

Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 15 to ext. 4017 or srecker@findlay.edu.

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the Call to Diversify the Campus Community."

Faculty from a variety of departments attended the lunch, and Laverick and Diederich offered suggestions for team teaching: select someone you can work with, plan far in advance and work out the teaching load in advance.

"It might be tempting to see team teaching as less work – but as one of our colleagues said, it's not tag-team teaching. It is as much work and more than just individually teaching," said Diederich.

Both agreed team teaching is a positive experience. In fact, they plan to teach another English course in the spring.

"I think we can look at it through the lens of trying to internationalize students and have students

from diverse backgrounds learn from each other. There is benefit to teachers who bring different backgrounds as well – we can help students learn in different ways," said Laverick.

Students who are interested in enrolling in the next team-taught

course are invited to contact Laverick or Diederich at knoche@findlay.edu and diederich@findlay.edu, respectively.

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Food Drive is Nov. 10

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be donated to Chopin Hall in Findlay.

Last fall, the University topped Sodexo's campus competition. The University of New England – Biddeford was second with 15,058 pounds of food collected. The nationwide effort collected 374,027 pounds of food.

UF's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Rotaract Club, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and UFOSEA (UF Ohio Student Education Association) also are helping collect donations.

For additional information on how you can support this event, contact David P. Harr, director of dining services, at 419-434-4542.

Performance, Service, Jobs and Fun

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A student speaks with a potential employer at the Fall Job Fair in the Alumni Memorial Union Oct. 26.

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Hari Chandan Boddupalli, Bandar Turki Alqahatani and Abdulhadi Hamod Alshweeb sort beverages on campus Oct. 23 during a Mobile Food Pantry, which provides food at no-cost to area families.

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The Marching Oiler Brass performs Oct. 31 in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The UF dance team also performs during one of the band's selections.



The Dancing Wheels Co. performs Oct. 27 in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

R. Cross



A student attempts to toss a pumpkin farther than her competitors during a Punkin' Chunkin' event Oct. 29.

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'Power of Positive' Spotlights Gratitude

John Malacos, Ph.D., the 2010 Wilkin Chair within the College of Liberal Arts, is devoting this academic year to the deep exploration of a single topic, The Power of Positive: Celebrating Human Goodness.

Malacos will spotlight six virtues within six months, with a focus on gratitude during November. Malacos will present a lecture on gratitude at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in

the Alumni Memorial Union Endly Room. He will discuss the history of the virtue and other aspects.

According to Malacos, the year-long project is focusing on the goal of investigating, stimulating and perpetuating human goodness. Activities are planned to raise awareness of the topic on campus and within the community.

"In the midst of many negative activities and attitudes occurring in the world now, this project offers an opportunity to focus on what is good in peoples' lives and what qualities that research has shown that enable them to become more happy, healthy and successful," he said.

Malacos' interdisciplinary learning project is made possible by the generosity of Dr. Richard E. Wilkin.

Faculty and Staff Receive Recognition

Tomas Menec, head men's and women's tennis coach, led his team in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity recently. Menec also volunteers for the American Red Cross and encourages the students he works with to become involved in service on a regular basis.

Dwight L. Moody, Ed.D., professor emeritus of biology, authored an article on damselfly mating behavior, "Mating Behavior and Male Territoriality in *Enallagma vesperum* (Odonata: Coeagrionidae) on Ponds in Ohio and Northern Michigan," which was published in the June 2010 issue of the *Ohio Journal of Science*.

Mark Polelle, Ph.D., chair of the department of history law and political science, completed a series of lectures for *The Modern Scholar*

earlier this year. The recorded course, *Command and Control: Great Military Leaders from Washington to the Twenty-First Century*, is available through www.recorded-books.com.

Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs as treasurer.

Quentin Skrabec, Ph.D., associate professor of business, was quoted as a source in a *Wall Street Journal* article, "In Toledo, the 'Glass City,' New Label: Made in China," published Aug. 30. He also was quoted in "Ohio Glass Industry Looks to Regain Form Through Innovation, Diversification,"

published in September on www.hivelocitymedia.com.

Richard Smith, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, presented "Liberal Arts and Neuroplasticity," at the annual conference of the Association for General and Liberal Studies in October in Austin, Texas. Smith co-developed the presentation with **John Leach**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology.

Anthony Wilgus, associate professor and coordinator of field instruction for social work, authored "Incorporating Bowen Theory Into an Undergraduate Social Work Curriculum: An Exercise in the Responsible Management of Self," which is a chapter in the recently published book "Bringing Systems Thinking to Life" (2010).

Equestrian Instructor Featured on CMT

Mark Smith, an instructor at The University of Findlay's western farm, and his family appeared Oct. 29 on a Country Music Television (CMT) program called "World's Strictest Parents."

According to the website, "CMT documents the journey of two unruly teens from different families as they are forced to adapt to the rules and regulations of very strict host parents."

"We were told by a friend of ours that the show was looking for a host family in the Ohio area. We gave them a call and they seemed interested in us," said Smith. "They sent out a team that filmed us for a day going about our normal routine

as a family. Everything progressed from there."

A native of Rockland, Maine, Smith has been riding horses professionally for 29 years. He met his wife as a student in the equestrian program at Findlay College and the couple has two daughters.

CMT crews filmed at the end of August at both the Smith home and the University's western farm. Smith says the production of the show was "a little hectic at times."

"We had the film crew of 15 working out of our garage during the day ... We had extra lights up all over the house and equipment that we had to be careful walking around," said Smith. "We weren't

always in charge but the crew was a great bunch of people. We had as much fun as we could with it."

The family enjoyed interacting with the visiting teens, and Smith says he hopes the show represents his family in a positive light.

"(My wife and I) were both raised with rules and guidelines. We also understood there were consequences for bad behavior," said Smith. "We have tried to follow that same philosophy with our kids. We are understanding, but we also expect a lot. Life isn't easy and you've got to learn to work for what you want or believe in."

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