BLACKBOARD UPGRADE 2020

Lewis University will be upgrading it’s learning management system, Blackboard Learn, to the latest version and will update its hosting platform to SAAS. The Blackboard application and system is scheduled to update in late December. During the upgrading process, the system will be unavailable for all faculty, staff, and students between December 24th, 2019 & January 1st, 2020.

During this down time, the Lewis University community will not be able to access Blackboard. Once the system is available again, Blackboard will have a new look on the page seen after logging in and new features available in all courses. To learn more about the new navigation page and enhanced features click here.

SERVICE OUTAGE DAYS:

DECEMBER 24, 2019 through JANUARY 1, 2020

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT MONTH

October is Student Engagement month in the Faculty Center! Student Engagement month is all about recharging, redesigning and revolutionizing your courses, material and environment! Join us here at the Faculty Center this October, where we will be offering various opportunities to revamp for the Fall semester with our faculty panels, podcasts and curriculum events!

FACULTY CENTER ONLINE TUTORIALS

We want you! Subscribe to the Lewis University Faculty Center YouTube Channel. Here you can binge the latest tutorials on Blackboard, Ally, VoiceThread, Collaborate, ShareStream, and many more! For more information visit our YouTube Homepage

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THE ACTIVIST MUSEUM: MUSEUMS, COMMUNITIES & SOCIAL JUSTICE

PRESENTED BY JANE ADDAMS HULL-HOUSE MUSEUM DIRECTOR, JENNIFER SCOTT

“Museums are sites for social justice”, says Jennifer Scott, director and chief curator of the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum. The national expert will elaborate on her thoughts with her presentation, “The Activist Museum: Museums, Communities, and Social Justice” on Tuesday, October 22 @ 12:30 pm. This presentation will be held in the University Dining Room at Lewis University in Romeoville.

Scott investigates Jane Addams’ contributions to social change. Scott and her staff connect with diverse community partners to address contemporary issues of peace, incarceration, immigration, displacement, and citizenship. They also address issues surrounding race, gender, and sexuality through groundbreaking exhibitions and public programs offered both inside and outside the museum’s walls. The museum was recognized in 2018 with the Award for Excellence in Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice by the Association of Midwest Museums.

As an experienced anthropologist and public historian, Scott has worked for over 25 years to explore the connections between museums, arts, places, and social justice. She is on the Board of the National Association for Museum Exhibition and serves as faculty in the graduate program of Museum and Exhibition Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago and at The New School in New York. As Jane Addams Hull-House Museum director and chief curator, she leads the vision, curation and community engagement efforts of the nationally significant historic site.

The legacy of Jim and Mary Clare Sczepaniak lives on through scholarships, Lewis University enhancements and now, the James P. ’60 and Mary C. Sczepaniak Lecture Series presented by the Lewis University History Department. For more information about Jim Szczepaniak, please visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Sczepaniak

The James P. ’60 and Mary C. Sczepaniak Lecture Series is being presented as a part of Lewis University’s Arts & Ideas Program providing cultural and educational programming for students and the community. A portion of the Arts & Ideas events is sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. For further information, please contact artsandideas@lewisu.edu

OCTOBER 22
UNIVERSITY DINING ROOM | 12:30 PM
FREE ADMISSION AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT HERE
THE VALUED EDUCATOR:  
AN INTERVIEW WITH ROB ASPY

Rob Aspy has been part of the Lewis teaching family for 27 years in the College of Business and School for Professional and Graduate studies. His professional background in Human Resource management positions, and as an Equal Opportunity Specialist for Indiana University in Bloomington, means that he brings vast experience and keen insight to his teaching. Currently, Rob teaches human resource management classes online. How does he engage learners with the necessary curriculum while promoting the Lewis mission values in the online format? Well, Rob sat down with the Faculty Center to break it down for all of us! Read the full interview here with Professor Rob Aspy to learn how this incredible educator engages and develops our Lewis students in the online platform!

FLYERS & FRIENDS AT LEWIS UNIVERSITY
NEW PODCAST EPISODE!

EPISODE 2 – DR. BAKER

This month on Flyers and Friends at Lewis University podcast, we feature special guest Dr. Erik Baker. Since coming to Lewis University in 2016, Dr. Baker has served as an Associate Professor and as the Program Director of Master of Science in Aviation & Transportation. Prior to coming to Lewis University Dr. Baker spent 20 years with the US Navy’s Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TWO in various roles from a helicopter pilot to a Director of Operation and a Director of Safety.

In this episode we had the opportunity to meet-up and talk with Dr. Baker about his interesting career, reflect on his unique experiences, discuss his research, and talk about his views as an educational leader in the Lewis community.

If you know someone who you think would be an interesting guest for this upcoming series, let us know! Or if you yourself are interested in participating, please reach out to Andy Alton in the Faculty Center!

You can access this Flyers & Friends podcast episode, along with any previous and future episodes, by accessing our Faculty Center homepage or you can listen to it here!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM EVENTS

WAC and the Writing Center are collaborating this fall to offer faculty workshops on the teaching of writing in classrooms across all disciplines—as well as an opportunity for faculty to work on their own writing projects.

POP-UP CURRICULUM EVENT: FACULTY WRITING RETREAT
D’ARCY GREAT ROOM
OCTOBER 16 | 4 – 7 PM
Gather with Lewis faculty to set some time aside for writing. Our pop-up writing retreat will feature the food and drink, quiet, and dedicated time that are ingredients to writing progress.

RESPONDING TO STUDENT WRITERS: SAVING TIME AND REDUCING STRESS
WELCOME CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 30 | 2:30 PM
This workshop will explore research-based strategies to shorten the amount of time it takes to respond to student writing—and encourage students to implement your feedback during revision.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK INFORMATION PROGRAMMING

International Education Week is an annual celebration during which Lewis University colleges, departments and student groups plan activities and events to highlight and support international education, multiculturalism and diversity. Join International Student Services for faculty development on supporting international students and developing travel study programs. These interactive workshops are being hosted this October especially for faculty and staff.

OCTOBER 16

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT?
1 – 2 PM
WELCOME CENTER

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM: DEVELOPING A TRAVEL STUDY PROGRAM
3:30 – 4:30 PM
AS 155A

OCTOBER 17

PEDAGOGY OF WORKING WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
1 – 2 PM
AS 155A
All of our workshops offer an in-person and online participation option (unless otherwise noted). All in-person workshops are held in the Faculty Center Lab (LR-112). The Faculty Center Lab is located on the first floor of the library.

* Indicates an IN-PERSON ONLY workshop
** Indicates an ONLINE ONLY workshop

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