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BAIS News

Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony

On January 18th, 2018, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Illinois Zeta Chapter, held its Thirty-Sixth annual induction ceremony in Alumni Hall. Five NDP students were inducted



Pictured: Acting Associate Provost Shayne Cofer, NDP inductees Kevin Coleman, Lathrese Williams, Rosalyn Chavez, Eric Echevarria, NDP Acting Director George Gerdow
Not Pictured: Elia Baez

Student Success Awards

On April 18th, NDP students participated in the Student Success Awards in Alumni Hall.



Brence Turner, Vanessa Velez, Allene Sodavaram, Murielle Standley, Kershea Cademartori, Jamilah Scott, Sidney Davis, Kevin Coleman, Michael Fischer, Robin Fischer. Not Pictured: William Carruth, Michael Harris, Suzanne Suszynski

NDP CLASSES

Did you know that the NDP program offers several courses at the 300-level? These courses are specifically targeted to assist students with the tools needed to obtain their degree in the most timely manner. All courses meet one day a week, with some on weekends for your convenience.

NDP 305 -- Intro to Library Research and Information Fluency (1-credit hour course)

NDP 330 -- Creating a Prior Learning Portfolio (1-credit hour course)

NDP 351 -- Time and Project Management (1-credit hour course)

NDP 310 --WIP: Diversity in the Workplace (3-credit hour course)

NEW FOR FALL 2018:

NDP 380 -- Project Management for Individuals and Organizations (3-credit hour course)

UWW Statesville Prison Update

The eight incarcerated students (Joseph Dole, Devon Terrell, Darrell Fair, Marshall Stewart, Raul Dorado, Phillip Hartsfield, Eric Watkins, and Antonio Kendrick) enrolled in NEIU's University Without Walls Program have completed their second semester of studies and are on track to graduate in May 2019. All are accomplished scholars, and several are activists and artists. The students are planning to use their academic work to create anti-violence and other justice-related programs and to prepare for graduate school and future professional activities. They are using their knowledge inside the prison to help create a safer, more purpose focused environment. On the outside, their college enrollment is positively affecting their children and other family members who have been inspired by their will to learn, their multiple publications, and the art they exhibit with the support of the Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project (NEIU's partner in this venture). These students illustrate the power education has to help all of us create a more just society, and they have been exceptional additions to the NEIU community.

NDP Fall 2018– Application Deadlines

NEIU Undergraduate Application Deadline for Fall 2018:
(International **June 15th, 2018** & Domestic **July 15th, 2018**)
BAIS Internal Transfer Application Registration Deadline for Fall 2018:
July 1st, 2018

NDP Scholarship Recipients (Spring 2018)

Listed below are the most recent recipients of the NDP Scholarship. Because of their hard work and determination, the Nontraditional Degree Program is happy to be able to help them along their journey in degree completion.

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| • Pnina Arsers | • Denis Love | • Jason Stern |
| • Justin Boese | • Jasmine McKenzie | • Claudia Vasquez |
| • Letitia Epps | • Carol Novak | • Staci Woodrum |
| • Michael Fischer | • Murielle Standley | • Michael Zhao |
| • Anna Labno | | |

Contribute to the NDP Scholarship Fund

At NDP, we understand how difficult it can be for students to finance their education, that is why we invite you to be one of the founding donors of a newly endowed scholarship for NDP students. Our goal was to reach the \$5,000 mark and we are happy to announce that we have reached this important milestone! A matching grant brings the fund to \$10,000. We can start distributing scholarships once the fund is at \$20,000. Even the smallest donation helps. Please contribute your tax-deductible gift to the NEIU Foundation by going to:

<https://your.neiu.edu/sslpage.aspx?pid=298>

After selecting your donation information, please select designation for “Nontraditional Degree Program”, and complete the rest of the form as prompted.

UWW GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

As a graduate of the UWW program, I would advise any prospective student to seriously evaluate their learning style and goals. UWW makes room for students to determine their desired path, without many of the restrictions of a more traditional program. UWW was a perfect fit for me, as a self-driven learner.

From the beginning, I felt extremely well-supported. My academic advisor helped me to focus my passions and academic interests into a depth area, one that is both useful and a great building block for my next level of study. The NDP staff was always there to answer my questions and point me in the right direction.

As a UWW student, I learned as much about myself, as I did about my areas of study. I chose Urban Ethnic Studies as my depth area. This allowed me to focus on the many areas of difficulty facing marginalized groups of color in America. I studied Critical Race Theory, Culturally Responsive Education, Critical Teacher Care, mass incarceration, and many other topics related to these experiences. This program helped me to take all the passion I have in this area and find the many ways I can help change policies, practices, societal norms, and people's lives. In addition to all my academic learning, I rediscovered parts of myself I had forgotten existed. I found resilience, tenacity, persistence, and drive. I realized that I am a fierce academic, with an incredible thirst for knowledge and for change.

I am grateful for every day I spent in the UWW program. It has changed my life for the better, and pushed me closer to my dreams.

Jamilah A. Scott
Northeastern Illinois University - Undergraduate Student
University Without Walls

Thank you George Gerdow! / Welcome Back Dr. Sanborn

NDP sends thanks and a fond farewell to our Acting Director, Mr. George Gerdow. George served as Acting Director in Spring 2018, the semester in which Dr. Kim Sanborn was awarded educational leave.



George was a valuable asset to the Department during a time of change at NEIU and in NDP. On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for a job well done. George's last day as Acting Director will be Friday, June 29th. However, he will return in Spring 2019 to teach two classes: **NDP 341 Human Rights: an Introduction** and **NDP 342 Environmental Justice**.

NDP welcomes back our Director, Kim Sanborn on Monday, July 2nd. To our returning Director: Kim Sanborn, we have missed your knowledge and expertise as leader and Director, and we've missed your irrepressible spirit most of all. Welcome back, Kim.



New NDP Credit by Exam

The Credit by Exam Workshop was developed for prospective students to learn and inquire about opportunities to achieve credits outside of traditional coursework. Students who elect this option will be studying independently and are encouraged to participate in this Q&A session that focuses on topics such as:

- Choosing exams
- Building a timetable for success
- Skills for independent study
- Strategies to overcome test anxiety
- Test taking tips
- Exam registration and fees

The fees for these exams may be reimbursable for students currently in or retired from the military .

Upcoming workshops to be held in Room B-140 from 5:15pm-6:00pm on all dates (unless otherwise changed)

July 11th

August 8th

September 12th

Space is limited to 10, so please RSVP Contact **Jacqui Weiner-O'Shea** for more Information about upcoming workshops at jweinero@neiu.edu.

Upcoming UWW and PSM Workshops

UWW Prospective Student Meetings for Spring 2019 Admittance

08/14/2018 Tues 6:30—8:00 pm FA 202

10/02/2018 Tues 6:30—8:00 pm TBA

Deadline for UWW Spring 2019 Application is: Tuesday November 6th, 2018

UWW Graduate Review Board Workshop

06/12/2018 Tues 6:30-8:00 pm B 158

09/11/2018 Tues 6:30-8:00 pm TBA

01/01/2018 Tues 6:30-8:00pm TBA

UWW New Student Orientation Workshop

12/04/2018 Tues 6:30-8:00 pm TBA

04/30/2019 Tues 6:30-8:00 pm TBA

Meet the New Graduate Assistant

Gloria Ortiz graduated from NEIU with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2017. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Family Counseling at NEIU. She is expected to graduate in the Summer of 2021.



Gloria is focusing her efforts in the UWW arm of the NDP department and can assist students with:

- Inquiries regarding the UWW program.
- Provide assistance with registration, and/or course selections.
- Communicate information on upcoming UWW time-lines, i.e., learning contracts, Graduate Review Board workshops, etc.

Please feel free to contact Gloria at :

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NDP Office Staff Spring 2018

No matter if you are new to the NEIU campus, a student looking to transfer, or already a nontraditional student, the NDP Office at B-147 is fully staffed with people who are here to help you every day.

Dr. Kim Sanborn— Director, NDP

Dr. Tim Barnett— Faculty Advisor, UWW

Jennifer Blair— Program Specialist, BAIS

Jacqueline Butler— Program Specialist, BAIS

Maureen Walsh— Office Support Associate, NDP

Tara Betts—Instructor, NDP

Antuanette Mester—Instructor, NDP

Erica Krueger— Adj. Faculty Instructor, NDP

Jacquelyn Weiner-O'Shea— Grad Assistant, NDP

Gloria Ortiz— Grad Assistant, UWW

Sean Carey— Tutor, NDP

Umama Fakher— Student Worker, NDP

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