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## A world of discovery

The world became a classroom for 130 Linfield students when 11 classes spent January Term studying around the globe.

From the Economics of the Pacific War in Hawaii, to Power and Empowerment in India, classes looked at economics, history, sociology, literature, educational systems, diabetes and musical cultures of the Caribbean. They studied creative writing in the United Kingdom, the cultures and history of Andalusian Spain and Morocco, health and medical care in Singapore, and the cultural, philosophical and political traditions of Russia and China.

Alison Bouchard '12, a mass communication major who studied music and culture in Trinidad and Tobago, said the experience showed her the rich artistic tradition of the culture and will shape her upcoming job search. "I am constantly thinking about my own future and career, and the importance of finding a vocation you are truly passionate about hit home with me," she said.

"Our international January Term classes help students develop insights

into major issues of today," said Shaik Ismail, director of international programs. "Students get an intensive look at different cultures, different societies and different viewpoints, beyond standard classroom discussions."



David Sumner

## Sumner joins Conversation Project

David Sumner, associate professor of English, will present "Brother Against Brother: Pragmatism, Civility and the Civil War," March 6 at the Bend Public

Library and March 14 at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland.

Sumner is featured with the Oregon Conversation Project, joining some of the state's most respected humanities scholars to generate conversations across the state.

His topic, "Brother Against Brother" marks the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. The war changed how Americans approached disagreement and fostered the birth of pragmatism, one of the major American contributions to philosophy, Sumner said. The lessons of that national crisis can inform the ways current debates are conducted.

"More often than not, conversations on the radio or cable news surrounding the difficult issues faced by our communities and nation are about hardened positions and talking past one another, than real engagement with other ideas," Sumner said.

The Oregon Humanities Project engages community members in thoughtful conversations about ideas critical to their daily lives and the state's future.

## From mess hall to math alley

From the mess hall at the Portland Air Base to new home of "math alley," Taylor Hall at Linfield College has undergone another transformation.

Taylor was moved to the McMinnville Campus in 1947 and first served as home for the Chemistry Department. Named in 1961 in honor of beloved chemistry Professor Luther R. Taylor, students have fond memories of "Wednesday teas," with the beverage served from a chemical flask, a ritual that continued until Taylor's retirement. The building was completely renovated in 1982 and served as the home of the Department of Business until last summer when business joined economics, philosophy and English in the newly renovated T.J. Day Hall.

During fall semester, repair and renovation of the building was completed and it now serves as the home of the Math Department, replete with a new "math alley" similar to the hall where students



Miriam Morales-Ayala '15, seated, and Christian Juanillo '14, standing left, assist a McMinnville High School senior and her family in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the high school library. Members of the Linfield College Latinos Adelante student group, along with financial aid staff, spent a week helping local high school students fill out the form in preparation for college.

regularly studied together in Graf Hall, near faculty available to answer questions or discuss issues.

Taylor Hall has new energy-efficient windows replaced in the original architectural style. Features within the building were upgraded and the building was improved to meet the growing use of technology in the classroom. A small courtyard was added on the east side featuring seating and additional bicycle parking.



Rachael Woody

## Archivist organizes Linfield history

Linfield's Oregon Wine History Project will soon begin taking shape as Rachael Woody, the new archivist at Nicholson Library, begins organizing elements that include irreplaceable historical documents and memorabilia from early growers in the Willamette Valley.

The collection is Oregon's first wine history archive and is sponsored by Linfield College. During the past several years, students and faculty have collected oral histories and historical documents from early wine growers.

Woody, a Pacific University graduate, was an archivist in Collections Care and Outreach at the Smithsonian Institution and is the past chair of the Smithsonian Institution Archives and Special Collections Council. She was also the editor of the Smithsonian Collections Blog.

Although the Oregon Wine History Project will be her first project at Linfield,

she also hopes to process the Linfield collection and ultimately have portions of the collection digitized so it will be useful to researchers and alumni.

Woody's work on the Wine History Archives will be of interest to many around the country and the world as well as provide valuable learning opportunities for students.

"A wine-based collection such as this

is rare," said Susan Barnes Whyte, director of Linfield libraries. "What is of value to libraries in this digital age is providing access to these one-of-a-kind materials. The wine archive does this. It also means that we will be able to digitize and share with the world other valuable historical collections that we have." 🍷

## Linfield softball stadium named in honor of Del Smith

Del Smith, a trustee emeritus of Linfield, was honored for his long-time support when the Board of Trustees approved the naming of the softball stadium as "Del Smith Stadium."

Smith, founder and owner of Evergreen International Aviation, Inc., served on the Linfield Board of Trustees from 1975 to 2009. He has supported the college through numerous gifts and by providing internships to hundreds of Linfield students at his local businesses. Many of those interns went on to work full time at Evergreen after graduation.

"Del Smith's support of Linfield students, both athletically and academically, has changed the lives of countless young people," said President Thomas L. Hellie. "It is fitting that we recognize his support by naming the softball stadium in his honor. His gifts have been instrumental in the development of our softball program into the national spotlight."

Upgrades to the softball facilities in recent years have aided in the success of the program and have been made possible with Smith's generosity. The stadium now features a 400-seat grandstand, enclosed press box, enhanced scoreboard and two covered and partially enclosed batting cages. Linfield is recognized as having some of the finest athletic facilities of any Division III college in the Pacific Northwest.

Smith was inducted into Linfield's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005 for meritorious service to the athletics program. His support for the college has extended far beyond athletics and includes contributions to the Nicholson Library, Linfield Business Department, Edith Green Endowed Lecture Fund and the President's Discretionary Fund.

