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Linfield hosted the inaugural TEDxMcMinnville, “Under the Microscope,” on Saturday, Jan. 26. The day-long event, featuring eight speakers and three performers, was the first of its kind in McMinnville. Kitri (Culbertson) McGuire '03, head organizer, was assisted by others with Linfield ties including Lacey Dykgraaf '16, Delanie Strauss '20 and Beth Garcia, Linfield’s director of conference & event planning. The event featured Gerardo Ochoa, director of community relations, who spoke about the impact of mispronouncing someone’s name, and David Sumner, (above) professor of English, who discussed productive disagreement.

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Most recently, Joe Wilkins, associate professor of English, won the 2017 Oregon Book Award in poetry for his book *When We Were Birds*.

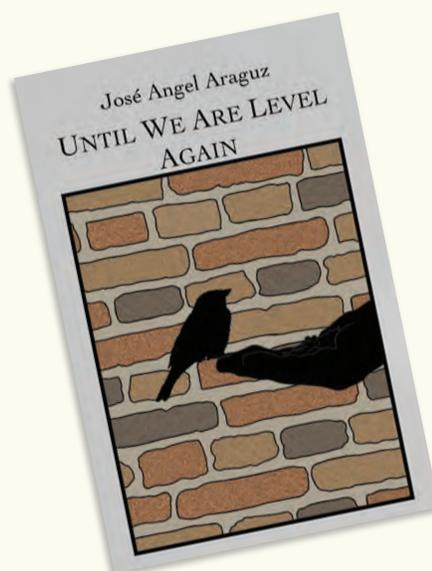


Grants boost science research

A \$180,677 grant from the National Science Foundation has allowed Linfield to acquire a state-of-the-art atomic force microscope.

Separately, a \$53,500 grant from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nevada, funded equipment needed for year-round research in molecular genetics by three Linfield faculty members. The purchase included a new fluorescence microscope system, microcentrifuge, thermocycler and incubator.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust continued its decades-long investment in scientific education and research in the Pacific Northwest with three additional grants to Linfield. Professors Andrew Baggett and Sreerupa Ray each received a grant of \$60,000 to support three summers of student-faculty collaborative research. A \$30,000 grant will also fund the first two years of collaborative student-faculty research for Shanna Bowman, a new Linfield biology professor who begins July 1.



Araguz Oregon Book Award finalist

José Angel Araguz, assistant professor of English, is a 2019 Oregon Book Awards finalist for a collection of his poetry, *Until We Are Level Again*. The Oregon Book Awards and Fellowships honor the state’s finest accomplishments by writers who work in poetry, fiction, drama, literary nonfiction and literature for young readers. *Winners were announced April 22, after press deadline.*

Araguz’s nomination continues a history of recognition for Linfield faculty.

Presidential IMPACT scholars named

Five students have been selected as the inaugural class of Presidential IMPACT Scholars, honoring recent Linfield presidents and giving a nod to the college's history of helping students find good careers.

Recipients include **Stacey Shardy '22** of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; **Chaylene Grover '22** of Portland; **Kenna Tanouye '22** of Honolulu, Hawaii; **Lucy Gordon '22** of Portland; and **Alexandra Feller '22** of Visalia, California.

Each will complete summer internships with nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses. They also will meet with Linfield's career development staff members. During the academic year, they will take part in weekend events and career and professional development seminars.

The IMPACT program is supported by the Glenn L. and Helen Jackson Internship Endowment. It's named for President Miles Davis and past leaders Thomas Hellie, president from 2006-18; Marv Henberg, interim president in 2005-06; Vivian Bull, president from 1992 to 2005; and Charles Walker, president from 1974 to 1992.

Linfield in top four for getting a job

Career website Zippia.com has released its list of the 10 best colleges in Oregon for job placement after graduation. Linfield College landed in both the No. 3 and No. 4 spots, earning recognition for the School of Nursing and the McMinnville campus, respectively. Zippia ranked four-year institutions

by examining College Scorecard Data. Each Linfield campus had a 91 percent employment rate.

Zippia has previously ranked Linfield as No. 1 in Oregon for graduates' earnings, reporting that Linfield graduates have an average salary of \$56,400 at 10 years, compared to the national median of \$34,300. Earlier in the academic year, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Linfield the "Best Value" among liberal arts colleges in Oregon.

Linfield online degree lauded nationally

Linfield College has one of the top 100 national online bachelor's degree programs, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Linfield has the highest-ranked online bachelor's degree program among private liberal arts colleges in Oregon.

The magazine assessed programs based on engagement, services and technologies, faculty credentials and training, and expert opinion.

In September's *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of the nation's best liberal arts colleges, Linfield held the No. 1 spot among Pacific Northwest liberal arts colleges for "Best Ethnic Diversity" for the third year in a row.

The magazine also gave Linfield the highest ranking among Oregon liberal arts colleges for "Best Value" and listed the college No. 7 among liberal arts colleges nationally for "Best Colleges for Veterans."

New major in Law, Rights and Justice

Linfield students now have the option to major in Law, Rights and

Justice, in addition to the college's 54 existing majors.

The new major examines the relationship between law, rights and competing concepts of justice. Students will study across disciplines like political science, philosophy, history, English, business and economics to explore human rights, rule of law, politics and public policy.

"The degree provides a great foundation for students should they choose to go to law school, graduate school or the professional world," says Nicholas Buccola, who holds the Elizabeth and Morris Glicksman Chair in Political Science at Linfield.

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Three awarded Fulbrights

Three applicants from Linfield – two seniors and a recent graduate – have been offered Fulbright grants to teach and research abroad.

Carmen Hoffbeck '19 of Portland, a biology and math double major, will conduct research on the takahē, an endangered bird in New Zealand. **Aspen Brooks '19** of Bothell, Washington, who majors in international relations and Spanish, will teach English in the Canary Islands. **Lizette Becerra '18** of Seattle, Washington, who earned a degree in Latin American studies with a minor in biology, will teach English in Mexico.

Linfield was among the top American colleges and universities for Fulbright scholars in 2017-2018, according to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.