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Grant to support internship for wine industry archive

A Linfield College student will get hands-on experience working with the Oregon Wine History Archive (OWHA) at Linfield, thanks to a grant from the Erath Family Foundation.

The grant, renewable annually, establishes the Erath Internship and provides funding for a student internship for an academic year, including full time during the summer, to continue work on the OWHA at Linfield.

The archive was created in 2011 to house irreplaceable historical documents and memorabilia from early growers in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to the support of the early Oregon wine pioneers, Linfield has established a robust and expanding archive of materials related to the Oregon wine industry.

The internship is designed to provide a hands-on experience for students. Under the guidance of Archivist Rachael Woody, the Erath intern will learn about all aspects of archival work including organizing, preserving and displaying historical materials. He or she will have the opportunity to help develop exhibits for local or regional display, assist in scholarly research and meet with individuals in the wine industry. Opportunities like this help students apply what they learn in the classroom as well as give them real-world experience in which they can hone communication, organizational and critical thinking skills.

Linfield to host Lincoln exhibit, conference

Linfield College will host an exhibit and conference focused on Abraham Lincoln this spring.

The exhibit, “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War,” will be on display in Nicholson Library April 2-May 16. It explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war – the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. Two major lectures will also be held on Thursday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 15.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a conference on The Political Thought of Abraham Lincoln will be held May 8-10 and feature presentations by seven of the top Lincoln scholars in the country.

The exhibit was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office and made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The conference is sponsored by Linfield College Nicholson Library and the Frederick Douglass Forum on Law, Rights and Justice.

All of the events are free. For more information, contact Susan Barnes Whyte, 503-883-2517, or check Latest News at linfield.edu/linfield-news/.

Wilkins’ books receive awards

Two books written by Joe Wilkins, associate professor of English, have been recognized recently by literary organizations.

Notes from the Journey Westward, a collection of poetry, won in the poetry division in the High Plains Book Awards, which recognize regional authors and literary works that examine and reflect life on the High Plains. The collection is the second and final installment of the poetic project he began with his book, Killing the Murnion Dogs, a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize and the High Plains Book Award.

His book, The Mountain and the Fathers: Growing up on the Big Dry, won the creative non-fiction award from the Great Lakes Colleges Association, which recognizes promising writers. The book was a 2012 Montana Book Award Honor Book and a finalist for the 2013 Orion Book Award.

Wilkins, who joined the Linfield faculty last fall, holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Idaho and a bachelor’s in computer engineering from Gonzaga University.

Reid named Yamhill County Conservation Educator of the Year

Duncan Reid '10, environmental stewardship and sustainability assistant at Linfield College, has been named Conservation Educator of the Year by the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District.

Reid, recognized for his work with Linfield students, earned the Frieda L. Miller Conservation Educator Award, which honors an individual or organization providing conservation education to youth or adults in Yamhill County.

At Linfield, Reid engages students in a variety of projects, assists faculty who seek to incorporate sustainability more fully in their courses and works with facilities personnel to keep Linfield at the forefront of sustainable practices. Reid played an integral role in Linfield’s sustainability effort as a student. He founded the student group Greenfield, the campus bike co-op, the student garden effort and the sustainability grant fund, among others.

Reid is currently involved in sustainability projects including a Zero Waste campaign to increase recycling and composting on campus.
Three students receive major scholarships, leadership award

Three Linfield students were selected for prestigious programs and scholarships recently.

Flora Maciel Garibay ’15 of Salem received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The scholarship will allow her to study at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador, where she will live with a host family and become immersed in Ecuadorian culture.

Garibay is the co-founder of and active in Latinos Organizando Comunidades con Obras y Servicios (LOCOS), a student organization that enables Latinos to become leaders and members of their respective communities. She also serves as a mentor for McMinnville High School students and spent last summer working on a collaborative research project documenting the oral history of San Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Dayton.

Colin O’Brochta ’14 of Redmond, Wash., was one of two undergraduate students in the nation to receive the Lawrence A. Golding Scholarship through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). It is awarded to students who have made significant contributions to their community’s health, fitness and education. O’Brochta will receive $1,000 this spring and complimentary registration to the 2014 ACSM Summit in Atlanta, Ga., in April to accept his award. He is an exercise science major and currently leads Linfield’s Student Nutrition and Activity for Kids program, which was started several years ago and works in conjunction with the Physicians Medical Center in McMinnville.

Clara Martinez ’14 of Seattle, Wash., was selected as a participant for the National Council for International Visitors’ Emerging Leaders Program. She attended the NCIV national meeting this winter where she participated in programs to build her professional skills, widen her networks and engage with high-level diplomats.

Martinez, a political science and communication arts major, spent the summer of 2012 in the Welsh Summer Program in the U.K. on a Fulbright Grant and was an intern for the World Affairs Council of Oregon during the summer of 2013.

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January Term: Traversing the Eulerian Trail

A stop at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, was just one aspect of Traversing the Eulerian Trail, a January Term course led by math Professor Chuck Dunn. The class focused on Leonhard Euler, one of the most prolific mathematicians of all time. Students traced his steps beginning in St. Petersburg, Russia, then traveled to Berlin, Germany, and Basel, Switzerland. The class investigated Euler’s work and influence in number theory, infinite series, logarithms, algebra, combinatorics and graph theory. This was just one of 10 off-campus courses that drew 100 students this year.