Bearing Witness to History

Alumni, students and staff reflect on witnessing the historic Vatican events firsthand.

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When a pope resigns—the first to do so in nearly six centuries—we know we have witnessed history. When the first pope from the Americas succeeds him, it’s happened again.

Duquesne watched events in Rome closely through the eyes of our students studying at our campus in the Eternal City this semester. This was a life-changing experience for them. Our Spiritan religious sponsors have two interesting links to Pope Francis. The founder of the Spiritans was educated by the Jesuits. Duquesne and Spiritan schools around the world are committed to educational excellence because of this connection. The second founder of the Spiritans, Jacob Libermann, himself adopted the name Francis to symbolize the same humility and service to the poor that the new pope’s name represents. In this issue, our alumni, faculty, and students share their experiences of being in Rome for this world-captivating historic event.

More often, though, history is made quietly, even in an era of ubiquitous and instantaneous communication. Seemingly unimportant and unrelated actions and events interact with each other in ways that alter a few, or hundreds, or thousands, or millions of lives. Only with the perspective of time and reflection do we recognize that these, too, constitute history.

In these pages, you’ll meet alumni of our Public History Program. Since 1979, this program has prepared professionals who preserve and display the treasures of our past in settings ranging from museums to mansions to abandoned mills. It’s a long-standing example of our Spiritan belief that teaching and learning take place not just in classrooms, but also in our communities.

We’re constantly devising new ways to expand this outreach. In this issue, you’ll discover how an annual lecture evolved into an opportunity to experience the challenges our neighbors face—not from a seat in a classroom auditorium, but in the streets of Pittsburgh through a series of special community programs. Participants didn’t merely learn about problems; they engaged in dialogue and built partnerships that will stimulate change.

It may not always be obvious, but they are making history. So are our students, who are active in hundreds of volunteer and service-learning experiences, and our staff members who recently returned from sharing accounting knowledge with Spiritan schools in Africa. And so are you.

We carry on a tradition of transformation that started with a handful of immigrants in 1878. Nobody imagined what their little college would become, but they certainly made history. Those on our Bluff now and the more than 85,000 Duquesne alumni around the nation and the world are continuing to make history today.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
New Provost/ Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Timothy R. Austin has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Duquesne, effective July 15. He will succeed Dr. Ralph Pearson, who will step down as provost but will remain at Duquesne.

“Dr. Tim Austin brings to us a long and successful history as an administrator in Catholic higher education. He is sure to do the same as he builds on Dr. Ralph Pearson’s success as Duquesne’s provost,” says President Charles J. Dougherty. “Dr. Austin was enthusiastically endorsed by every constituency that met with him during his on-campus interview.”

Austin currently serves as vice president for academic affairs and dean at the College of the Holy Cross. In these roles, his achievements include establishing a cycle of academic program reviews; helping to develop new policies in intellectual property, data security, harassment and threat assessment; and conducting an organizational review of academic affairs to provide for improved accountability and efficiency.

“In the years ahead, every institution of higher education will be presented with many exciting opportunities, as well as some challenges,” says Austin. “Everything that I learned before and during my visit to Duquesne tells me that the University is blessed with the strength and vision to excel in this dynamic environment.”

Prior to joining the College of the Holy Cross in 2006, Austin served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Creighton University. Previously, he taught at Loyola University Chicago, where he chaired the English department and served as director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistic Studies.

A recognized expert in linguistics, Austin has authored various books and scholarly articles and has presented numerous papers. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Literary Semantics*, *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics*, and the *Journal of College and Character*.

Austin has reviewed programs at various schools as a member of accreditation teams for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He is a member of the Saint Anselm College board of trustees, for which he chairs the academic affairs committee.

A native of Tonbridge, England, Austin earned his master’s degree in English language and literature from Oxford University’s Lincoln College and his Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

“I am grateful to Fr. McCloskey and the search committee for their fine work, to the faculty senate for hosting the faculty forum, and to all those who not only helped to evaluate Dr. Austin, but, more importantly, who helped make him want to be part of our academic community,” says Dougherty.
New Deans Selected for Schools of Business, Natural and Environmental Sciences

Two new deans will soon lead Duquesne’s Palumbo•Donahue School of Business and the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

Palumbo•Donahue School of Business

Dr. Dean B. McFarlin is the new business school dean, effective July 1.

McFarlin, who is in his ninth year as chair of the Management and Marketing Department at the University of Dayton’s School of Business Administration, will replace Dr. Alan R. Miciak, who has decided to return to teaching full time after eight years as dean.

“One of the most impressive aspects about Duquesne is that its Spiritan values are so clearly reflected in the University’s mission,” says McFarlin. “What came through strongly during my visit was that Duquesne is a caring community devoted to educating students from diverse faith traditions in mind, heart and spirit. I also think Duquesne’s action-oriented, global approach to moral values, service to others and justice fits very well with business education in today’s world.”

McFarlin is responsible for the largest department in the business school at Dayton. His research includes cross-cultural management, organizational justice, leadership and executive influence processes on top-management teams. Listed among the 200 most-cited management scholars in the past 30 years, McFarlin has published more than 50 books, chapters and articles on international management, leadership, organizational behavior and other topics. Associate editor of the Academy of Management Perspectives and a member of the Journal of Management editorial board, he has in-depth experience writing and editing for academic and general consumer publications.

A member of numerous boards and committees, McFarlin brings more than 25 years of academic experience in undergraduate, graduate and executive education. In addition to his experience at Dayton, McFarlin has held academic positions at Marquette University and SUNY-Albany. He received his doctoral degree in social/organizational psychology from SUNY-Buffalo and holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Marquette University.

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Philip Reeder is the new dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, effective July 1. He will succeed Dr. David Seybert, who, after serving as dean of the Bayer School since 2002, has decided to return to scholarship and teaching full time.

Reeder is chair of the Division of Environmental Science and Policy, as well as an associate professor in the Department of Geography, Environment and Planning at the University of South Florida (USF).

“To be part of an established school like the Bayer School, and to be selected to lead it into the future is truly exciting,” says Reeder. “The aspirations for the University and the Bayer School are very much in line with my perspectives on what makes a strong school of natural and environmental sciences.”

Reeder’s research and areas of expertise focus on environmental change, paleo-climate and landscape evolution; environmental education, sustainability and the human role in environmental change; and paleo-environments, geoarchaeology and cultural landscape evolution.

Prior to his work at USF, Reeder taught at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Waikato in New Zealand and Valdosta State University. In 1994, Reeder served as a prestigious Fulbright Scholar in Peru, where he led workshops about the environment for Peruvian educators and conducted environmental contamination and geoarchaeological research.

Reeder’s work has appeared in the Journal of Cave and Karst Studies, Focus on Geography, The Professional Geographer and Geoarchaeology and Karst: A New Perspective. He earned his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, his master’s degree in geography from Western Kentucky University and his bachelor’s degree in Earth science from Frostburg State University.
DU Forges Collaboration with Japan’s Daiichi University

The University has signed a five-year agreement for academic collaboration and exchange with the Daiichi University of Pharmacy of Fukuoka, Japan.

The agreement was established between the Mylan School of Pharmacy and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Daiichi University of Pharmacy, which is a part of the Tsuzuki Gakuen, one of the largest educational groups in Japan.

The collaboration was forged to broaden the international perspectives of the faculty and students of both institutions through scholarly, educational and cultural opportunities, and to further enhance the research and education programs of both pharmacy schools. The agreement also allows for the exchange of faculty members and students for visitation and research collaboration, as well as additional academic activities.

The School of Pharmacy also holds affiliation agreements with the University of Perugia, Italy, as well as other schools of pharmacy in China, Japan and Africa.

Business School Earns Accreditation

The Palumbo-Donahue School of Business again has earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB). AACSB accreditation, a hallmark of excellence in business education, has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world’s business programs. The AACSB, founded in 1916, is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and accounting.

Pharmacy School Provides State-of-the-Art Training

The fingerprints of the Mylan School of Pharmacy are all over a massive training effort for new federal Food and Drug Administration reviewers.

As part of the 13-member, nonprofit National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education consortium, faculty members Dr. Carl Anderson, director of the Center for Pharmaceutical Technology and associate professor of pharmaceutics; Dr. Peter Wildfong, associate professor; and Dr. Ira Buckner, assistant professor, have received approximately $66,000 in grants to provide about one-third of the entire 30-hour FDA training course.

The two-year project provides live audio synchronized with PowerPoint slides that is required training for all new FDA reviewers who provide drug manufacturing process approvals, says Anderson.

The Duquesne professors have worked on basic training modules that will kick-start the FDA’s invigorated training efforts in drug substance, drug products, analytics, statistics and quality risk management systems.

Additionally, Anderson has received funding to provide advanced quality risk management training in August on-site in the FDA’s Washington, D.C., offices. Anderson anticipates additional funding on how to globalize drug manufacturing review, “sharing insights with thousands instead of tens of reviewers.”
New Entrepreneurial Studies Director Focuses on Ethics, Sustainability

Dr. John “Jack” Mason, an executive, consultant, researcher and educator with more than 40 years of experience in energy/technology businesses, has joined the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business as director of entrepreneurial studies.

Mason brings a portfolio including start-ups, turn-arounds, and merger and performance improvement. Mason’s perspective has been shaped by work within utility, commercial, industrial, academic, as well as system and service provider organizations. His background as a U.S. Naval Academy graduate expanded to include a master’s in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management, and a Doctor of Science in engineering from MIT. A Sloan Fellow, Mason studied with managers and executives from 25 countries, interacted with dozens of Global 500 company executives and conducted research in France, Germany, Japan and the U.S. He is principal of Mason Energy + Management, a consulting firm that provides energy efficiency programs for commercial buildings.

Mason’s experiences in ethics and sustainability issues provide a powerful combination for guiding entrepreneurial studies and dovetailing with other business programs.

DARPA Funding Fuels McAnulty College’s First Spin-off

The first start-up from the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts has a rocket-launch beginning, thanks to a subcontract of nearly $700,000 in DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) funding.

Juola & Associates provides stylometric software to verify the authorship of handwritten and typed works. DARPA, which has concerns with cyber security, is interested in the software, which determines active authentication of authors, according to Associate Professor of Computational Science and Mathematics Dr. Patrick Juola, who is chief executive officer and founder of the consulting company.

Previous work with Drexel University’s Privacy Security and Authentication Laboratory led to this subcontract, says Juola. DARPA, which typically funds giants such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University, follows “the most imaginative work,” according to Juola, who says, “Their funds go to the people most likely to make miracles. It’s some of the most exciting work I’ve seen, and I’m delighted that Duquesne University can be part of this.”

Juola & Associates sprung from a $1.62 million National Science Foundation grant Juola received in 2010 to further develop his author verification program.

‘Bloomberg Businessweek’ Names Business School Among Top 100

For the third consecutive year, the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration has been named one of the nation’s Top 100 undergraduate business schools by Bloomberg Businessweek.

Only eight schools in Pennsylvania made the Top 100 listing compiled by the well-regarded business publication. The rankings include both a survey of senior business majors and employers, and schools must achieve a certain response rate on both surveys to be considered.

Bloomberg Businessweek measures academic quality through SAT scores, student-faculty ratios, class size in core business courses, the percentage of students with internships and the amount of time devoted to class work. The ranking also considers how many alumni enroll in top-ranked MBA programs and their median starting salaries.

‘U.S. News’ Recognizes Nursing School, University Online Programs

Duquesne and its School of Nursing have been recognized by U.S. News & World Report in its 2013 Best Online Education Program Rankings.

The School of Nursing’s graduate offerings were ranked No. 7 in the Best Online Nursing Programs category. The University overall was ranked No. 125 of 160 schools ranked in the Best Online Bachelor’s Programs list.

This marks the second year that U.S. News has ranked the Best Online Education Programs.

Among the factors considered in the nursing program rankings were student engagement; faculty credentials and training; admissions selectivity; and student services and technology.

For the Best Online Bachelor’s Programs rankings, U.S. News considered student engagement, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology. Duquesne offers various degrees and certificates at the undergraduate and graduate levels through its Online Campus.

Only degree-granting programs offering courses that are 100 percent online were considered by U.S. News for the rankings.
Alumni, students and staff from Duquesne’s Italian Campus were on hand to say good-bye to Pope Benedict and welcome Pope Francis, waving Duquesne’s flag in St. Peter’s Square. Here, several members of the Duquesne family reflect on witnessing these events firsthand.
Reflection on a ‘Spiritual Irony’
Bishop David A. Zubik, A’71, GE’82

I was on the roof of the Pontifical North American College in Rome with students and faculty as the helicopter bearing Pope Benedict XVI swept across the skies on its way to Castel Gandolfo after his resignation.

The helicopter came up behind the dome of Saint Peter’s and then made its last flight around the perimeter of Vatican City, coming straight toward us. The students were there to wave the American and Bavarian flags. It looked as though the pope saw us and was waving from the helicopter. But it was just a thrill to be able to demonstrate our gratitude.

It was purely coincidental that I was in Rome the last week in February. Six months earlier, I had made arrangements to visit the five seminarians and three priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh who are studying there. Little did I know that the occasion would be his last days as pope.

I had met with the Holy Father last October when I was leading the Pittsburgh Catholic pilgrimage to Italy. As is the custom after his weekly audiences, the pope met with each of the bishops in attendance personally. In my brief meeting with our Holy Father, I could easily tell that, while as cordial and mentally sharp as ever, he was not strong physically. It was clear his body was wearing down.

In my February visit, I had the opportunity to witness Benedict’s praying of the Angelus and his last general audience.

Being there was an exceptionally emotional experience. While the Church is an institution, it’s much more; it’s a family. And as a family, we had only those few remaining days to express our gratitude to Benedict for the great leadership that he afforded us for the last eight years.

The spiritual irony in all this for me is that it was all so similar to my Rome visit in April 2005, when I was Bishop of Green Bay. I had planned to visit my seminarians in February of that year, too, but I had to cancel the trip due to my mother’s illness and move it back to April.

As a result, I ended up arriving in Saint Peter’s Square just in time to see the white smoke from the Sistine Chapel and witness Pope Benedict introduced to the world as our new Holy Father.

It was a sure gift of Divine Providence to be there for the pope’s first and last days. ■
As an Italian-American Catholic, I have always felt a special respect for the papacy. I feel truly blessed that I was in Rome for this historical event. My classmates and I were at the epicenter of history for a few weeks, and it was awesome. My friends and I went down to St. Peter’s on Wednesday evening, not expecting to see the white smoke. When it came out and everyone started cheering, my knees went weak with excitement. As soon as the bells started ringing I got goose bumps and it really set in that I was witnessing history. Being with the thousands of other Catholics who camped out all day or dropped whatever they were doing to sprint to the Vatican was a very powerful religious experience for me. I felt a strong sense of unity with my Catholic brothers and sisters.

- Louis Isabella, Political Science Major
Pope Benedict’s farewell address was indescribable. Talking to my classmates, mixed emotions were felt: we were sad to see the face of the Church leave, but mostly, we were excited for being a part of such an incredible experience. We all knew that we were here in Rome to learn about the history of the Church, but the fact that we were here to witness such historic events made it even more memorable. Personally, I was moved by all the joy and praise Pope Benedict received. Everyone came together, and at that moment, the Church was truly universal.

- Rachael Richter, Pharmacy Major

I was present for the election of Pope Francis as well as his first appearance. It was a very surreal feeling, and looking back on it, I still can’t believe I saw it happen. I never imagined that I would witness a conclave in Rome during my lifetime, especially one where the past pope was still living! This is the kind of thing that people will read about in history books one day. I truly feel blessed to have experienced it firsthand. It was amazing how united everyone was in St. Peter’s Square when we saw the white smoke appear. I was laughing and smiling with people I didn’t even know, whose language I didn’t speak, and who I will probably never see again. Yet, in that moment, we were all connected through something that was much larger than ourselves.

- Marie Yarzab, Pharmacy Major

I was in St. Peter’s to see the white smoke after the ballot that elected Francis and his first appearance in the square. There was something surreal about the whole experience. The square went from being calm and fairly quiet to buzzing with activity as people rushed to get a good spot in front of the basilica. I don’t even think the true gravity of the situation hit me until I looked back and saw the thousands of people crowding into the square. Also, we happened to be standing just a few feet in front of a group from Argentina, so when Francis was announced, they just erupted with elated cheers, which really added to the poignancy of the moment. Having been raised as a Catholic, seeing the pope in person was great enough, but seeing the first appearance of Francis as pope was indescribable; a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

- Dan Branagan, History/Political Science Major

People of all different cultures and ages flocked to St. Peter’s Square. I was merely one among them. I felt close to others that I had no connections with at all, except our religion. The most remarkable thing about each time I visited was the unity of the crowd. When Pope Benedict was giving his last blessing, the thousands of people instantly quieted. When the white smoke appeared from the Sistine Chapel, thousands roared with excitement, cheering for a new leader of the Catholic faith. I couldn’t help but feel what everyone else around me was feeling. These experiences are forever stamped not only in my passport, but indelibly in my memory and in my heart. Being in Rome during this time is a blessing. Grasping that millions of people of all different cultures rushed to Rome and as one, witnessed the same thing I witnessed, is something not read in books. The emotions, languages and faith of all the people; I could never imagine such things. You had to be there. I was...how lucky and blessed I am.

- Lauren Kaiser, Speech/Language Pathology Major
A special memento from one of the most recognized figures of the 20th century sparked Stephen V. Russell’s passion for preserving relics of the past.

During John F. Kennedy’s successful 1960 presidential campaign, he penned a personal letter to Russell, GA’74. That cherished keepsake inspired Russell to start collecting political, entertainment and sports artifacts, a collection that has grown to include an extensive assortment of papal memorabilia.

From unique pins and postcards to statues and medallions of popes dating back to the 19th century, his collection spans 11 papacies from Pius IX (1848) to Benedict XVI (2013). Although he hopes to add Pope Francis materials to his collection, he believes it will be challenging. In today’s digital age, he says, manufacturers are less likely to produce tangible items such as buttons and postcards.

His passion for papal keepsakes has obvious roots. “As a lifelong member of the Church, as a choir boy singing the Latin Mass and a solo rendition of Ave Maria at midnight Mass, it was a natural progression in my collecting zeal,” explains Russell.

His most cherished item from the papal collection is a colored bust of Pope Pius X that he found in Montreal in the 1980s. The bust was created for the canonization of Pius X in 1954.

“The bust was in superb condition and the detail of the pope’s face was almost life-like,” says Russell. “The proceedings for the canonization in Rome caught the attention of many nations, especially Canada, where the bust was made.”

While this and the rest of his collection are stored in his house, he is often asked to put items on display and serve as a speaker at educational conferences and community functions. Russell has even returned to Duquesne to showcase his collections, including a display at a 2003 Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law forum on the assassination of President Kennedy.

“My collection would be meaningless if I was not able to share it with others,” he says. “I am delighted that this vocation offers knowledge and enlightenment to others.”

These opportunities allow Russell to continue his true passion of teaching, a gift he shared throughout his 42-year career in education, which started as an American history teacher at Monongahela High School. There, he often incorporated his collection of historical memorabilia to enhance the learning experience. The colorful exhibits helped bring history to life so that students could better understand a subject.

“Students who had been previously unmotivated showed marked increase in their knowledge and class participation,” says Russell.

Although he retired as superintendent of the Belle Vernon Area School District last year, his life has been anything but restful. In addition to increasing his collection and presenting at events, Russell works at Heinz Field, is an athletic event manager for the University of Pittsburgh and has held a position in the Pittsburgh Pirates ticket sales office since 1970. His late father, James William Russell, was a major league baseball player with the Pirates, Boston Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers. His father’s days as a baseball player inspired the sports memorabilia portion of his collection.

When he thinks about the past, he can’t help but think of his time at Duquesne. While many of his favorite professors have passed away, he remembers the late Dr. Joseph Maurice and Dr. Samuel Astorino as outstanding history teachers on our Bluff.
Grant Gerlich, GA’01, recently traveled to Alaska, where it was 40 degrees below zero.

Stephen McLeod, B’97, and Melissa Black McLeod, GLPA’04, are shown in Phuket, Thailand.

Cynthia Plazek, A’82, and her daughter, Amanda, M’11, recently traveled to Germany and Poland to visit relatives. Here, they are shown outside of the Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

Harve Linder, A’71, L’75, recently traveled to Israel with his family. Here, he is shown in the Dead Sea.

Kevin Edwards, B’07, recently traveled to Pulau Tioman, off the coast of Malaysia, with the Duquesne Magazine to visit fellow DU alumni.

The Sisters of Alpha Phi Omicron/Zeta Tau Alpha are shown at their annual dinner and book collection holiday celebration.

More “On the Road” photos are available on Duquesne’s alumni website. To view photos, visit: http://www.myduquesne.duq.edu/s/831/index.aspx?sid=831

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Duquesne Receives Caritas Award for Service

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne was recently recognized by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh with the Caritas Award for Service. President Charles J. Dougherty accepted the award at the 31st Annual Bishop’s Dinner for Catholic Charities on May 10.

The Caritas Award, named for the Latin word for charity, is presented to those who answer the call to give of themselves in service of others.

“Catholic Charities and Duquesne University share a faith tradition and a commitment to service,” says Bethany Shaw, development manager for Catholic Charities. “We’re honored to present the Caritas Award for Service in grateful appreciation to faculty, students and alumni for their long-standing support of our outreach and their significant impact in the lives of Pittsburghers and those beyond.”

The primary social service agency in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Catholic Charities serves all—regardless of religious affiliation—in their time of greatest need, with programs that include adoption, counseling, health care for the uninsured, housing and homeless assistance, senior services and more.

Through an academic partnership, student pharmacists from Duquesne’s Mylan School of Pharmacy gain valuable clinical experience at Catholic Charities’ Free Health Care Center, which provides free medical and dental care to people who don’t have employer-sponsored health insurance, can’t afford private insurance or don’t qualify for Medicaid or other types of assistance. The School of Nursing and the Department of Physical Therapy also have affiliations with the Free Health Care Center.

As part of their service-learning classes, Duquesne students teach basic computer literacy courses to Catholic Charities’ Team HOPE clients, as well as life skills education courses to refugee clients that the organization has helped to re-settle. Catholic Charities also provides internship opportunities for Duquesne students.

“Duquesne has a rich history of supporting Catholic Charities,” adds Shaw. “Their commitment to service helps us live our mission to help our clients leave our service stronger than when they first walked through our doors.”

Justice Thomas Speaks at DU, Visits Law Class

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spoke before an audience of more than 1,200 faculty, staff, students and guests on April 9 at a special event hosted by the School of Law.

Thomas joined Law Dean Ken Gormley and Thomas M. Hardiman, a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, on stage in the Union Ballroom, where he answered questions and discussed everything from his upbringing in Georgia to his Catholic school education to his appointment as only the second African-American on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thomas extended his stay in Pittsburgh so he could pay a surprise visit to the School of Law on April 10. He met with students in the law school lobby, where he chatted and shared stories before accompanying Gormley to his class on constitutional law. Thomas accepted Gormley’s invitation to speak in class and ended up teaching the first hour, answering a wide range of questions on important constitutional cases and engaging in a lively give-and-take with the second-year day students.

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“U.S. News” Names DU Law Among Best in the Nation

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Duquesne’s School of Law among the top law schools in its 2014 Best Graduate School Rankings. Under their current system, they rank the top law schools and alphabetically list all the others. For the first time, Duquesne’s School of Law has been ranked, placing us among the nation’s best.

In addition, U.S. News ranked the law school’s Legal Research and Writing Program at No. 11 among law schools in the nation in the Legal Writing category. The part-time/evening program was ranked No. 49 in the Part-time Law category.

“This prestigious recognition by U.S. News demonstrates that our national reputation as an innovative and forward-moving law school continues to grow,” says Law Dean Ken Gormley.

As part of the rankings, U.S. News included law schools fully accredited by the American Bar Association, utilizing 12 measures of quality including peer assessment score, assessment score by lawyers/judges, median LSAT scores and acceptance rate. Specialty rankings are based solely on nominations by legal educators at peer institutions, according to U.S. News.

“We made a conscious decision, with the full support of the president and provost, to maintain our enrollment standards with respect to LSATs and GPAs, despite the national downturn in law school applications,” explains Gormley. “It is our firm belief that we should not admit students who are not likely to succeed simply in order to fill chairs at a time of declining enrollments. This decision, I believe, was a key factor in our rise in the national rankings.”

The School of Law, which recently revamped its curriculum, has added new course offerings, including a capstone skills course, 11 new subject concentrations, a new bar preparation program and new experiential learning opportunities for students. A new, unique Veterans Clinic, which works in partnership with Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas’ Veterans Court, was added to the school’s 12 clinical and externship opportunities. Study abroad offerings include summer programs in China, Germany, Ireland and Italy.

“As many other law schools were dropping their standards in order to meet enrollment targets, we were consciously trimming our class size so that we did not compromise our standards,” says Gormley. “It’s nice to see that this sort of positive, forward-thinking planning has been recognized by our peers and by those involved in the ranking process. We intend to remain on the path to doing everything possible to continue to build a great law school.

“At Duquesne, we seek the best and brightest students to join our community of scholars, and we prepare them for success every step of the way,” adds Gormley.

The School of Law has been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) that will be utilized for developing the future site of the school’s Clinical Legal Education Program.

The law school’s seven clinical programs—which benefit underserved families, individuals and communities—address the areas of civil rights, community enterprise, federal practice, pro se motions, unemployment, urban development and veterans.

“The new clinic, located in the Uptown community, will enable the law school and our students to directly deliver much needed legal services to citizens in the community,” explains Law School Dean Ken Gormley. “This will enrich our law students’ experience by giving them hands-on training handling real clients and resolving real problems. It will simultaneously enrich the community by allowing the School of Law to become a partner in revitalizing the Uptown corridor by providing services in a key, accessible area of the city. We are deeply grateful to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County for awarding these grants, which will revitalize our law clinic and transform it into one of the finest clinics in the United States.”

The RACP is a commonwealth grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget. In addition to the RACP grant, the School of Law received a $250,000 grant in November from the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to help purchase equipment and furnishings for the new clinic, which is expected to open by the beginning of the next academic year.
Drs. Rodney Hopson and Helga Stokes, School of Education, $16,000 from the Pittsburgh Public Schools for *Evaluation of the Beyond Diversity/Courageous Conversations Professional Development and Subsequent Training*.

Dr. Khalid Kamal, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $2,000 from the Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh through a grant from the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association for *Metabolic Risks Associated with Antipsychotic Medication Used in Patients with Prader-Willi Syndrome*.

Dr. Giselle Auger, assistant professor of the Journalism and Multimedia Arts Department, $2,500, a Page Legacy Educator grant, from the Arthur W. Page Center for Integrity in Public Communication at Pennsylvania State University for the proposal titled *Transparency*.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), $15,000, a State Trade and Export Promotion grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for participants travelling on a trade mission trip to Panama and Colombia. The award will be administered by Dr. Mary McKinney, SBDC director.

Dr. Rehana Leak, School of Pharmacy, $50,112 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement program to fund the project *Impact of N-Acetyl Cysteine on Heat Shock Protein 70*.

Anthony Honick, a student of Dr. Brady Porter, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $1,000 from the North American Native Fishes Association for research.

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, School of Pharmacy, $441,834, awarded by the National Institutes of Health’s National Cancer Institute, to fund the project *Purine Synthesis Inhibitors With Selective Folate Receptor Tumor Transport*.

The Department of Physics, Bayer School, $26,179 from a National Science Foundation grant to fund *RUI: Studies of Nucleon Structure Using Electromagnetic Probes at Jefferson Laboratory*.

Dr. Jennifer Aitken, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Bayer School, $3,000 from the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy Incorporated to fund Project SEED. This brings the total award amount for this project to $132,660.99.

Dr. Stephanie Wetzel, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Bayer School, $7,000 from the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy for the Joseph A. Feldman Equipment Grant.

SBDC, $50,282 from the Small Business Administration for partial funding of the 2013 year, and $83,591 from the Pennsylvania SBDC to fund the Portable Assistance Project that trains and counsels recently unemployed individuals affected by the changed economy to become entrepreneurs. Dr. Mary McKinney, SBDC director, will administer the awards.

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $342,672 from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for *Pneumocystis Jirovecii Targeted Antiopportunistic Agents*. This brings the total amount of funding received to $723,419.

Dr. Rodney Hopson, School of Education, $26,023 from ASSET, a nonprofit organization focused on education improvement, for program evaluation. The award will run through Sept. 30, 2015.

Drs. Stan Kabala, John Stolz and Brady Porter, the Center for Environmental Research and Education and the Department of Biological Sciences, $100,000 from the West Virginia University Foundation Water Research Institute and Center for the Allegheny Northern QUEST water quality monitoring project. The funds were originally from the Colcom Foundation.

The McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, $30,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for *Diversity in Computational Technology*. This brings the total award amount to date to $90,000. Dr. Lili Shashaani, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, will administer the award.
Duquesne Adds Biomedical Engineering Program

Drawing on strengths in professional programs and a liberal arts education, Duquesne is poised to begin a biomedical engineering program.

The program would be the only engineering degree offered in southwestern Pennsylvania at a top-tier Catholic research institution. Biomedical engineering is one of the fastest growing areas within the field and one of the most diverse.

The University is advertising for a director for the program and will start the first biomedical engineering classes in the fall 2014 semester, says Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research.

“Biomedical engineering itself has close association with allied health fields, which are well-respected at Duquesne,” says Seadler. “This new program dovetails nicely with our schools of nursing, pharmacy and health sciences, as well as with natural and environmental sciences.

“In addition, the field of engineering is recognizing the great value of an education delivered within a liberal arts atmosphere. Besides learning the hard skills expected of any engineer, our students will be provided the added advantage of a liberal arts background, which will enhance translational skills, communication and person-to-person interactions that are increasingly important in the field,” says Seadler, who also serves as the Fritzky Chair in Biotechnology Leadership.

Because of courses already offered at Duquesne, the academic transition to this new program will be straightforward.

“By building on our institutional strengths and course offerings in biology, chemistry, math and physics, Duquesne will be able to offer a program that gives students interested in engineering access to the favorable faculty-student ratios, nurturing attitudes, research accessibility and urban advantages that the Duquesne campus provides,” says Provost Dr. Ralph Pearson.

The program initially will not be affiliated with a particular school, but will report directly to the provost. Besides dovetailing with many existing courses and utilizing already-renovated lab areas, the biomedical engineering program supports the overall mission of Duquesne.

“This program fits well with the University purpose and mission of serving students,” says Seadler. “Our emphasis in science, math, health and bioethics professions has been as applied fields. Biomedical engineering is an extension of that work, which is rooted in greater social justice for the vulnerable.”

The **A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration**, $18,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for the school’s study abroad program. This brings the total award amount to date to $66,000. Dr. William Spangler, associate dean of academic affairs and research, will administer the award.

The **A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration**, $12,000 from the Alcoa Campus Partnership for **Supply Chain Management Academic Development Program**. This brings the total award amount to date to $29,000. Dr. John Mawhinney, assistant professor of supply chain management, will administer the award.

**Dr. Rachel Whitcomb**, School of Music, $10,000 from the Ruth Gordon Charitable Trust of the PNC Charitable Trusts for the Early Childhood Music Initiative.

**Dr. Greg Barnhisele**, associate professor, Department of English, McAnulty College, $50,400 from the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Modernism, U.S. Cultural Diplomacy and European Leftist Intellectual During the Cold War.

**Dr. John Stolz**, the Center for Environmental Research and Education, Bayer School, $40,000 from the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice for public service.

**Brian Treveline**, a student of Dr. Brady Porter, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, $3,566 from the National Aviary of Pittsburgh for research.

**SBDC**, $95,000 for the 2013 training budget, and the SBDC Center for International Regulatory Assistance, $27,000 for program support, both from corporate funds. Dr. Mary McKinney, SBDC director, will administer the awards.

The **School of Nursing**, $3,441 from the Daisy Foundation for Decisional Conflict, QOL, and Comorbid Illness. Dr. Linda Goodfellow will administer the award as the faculty advisor for doctoral student Jeannette Kates, the recipient.
Did You Know?

The Mary Pappert School of Music
hosted a sold-out crowd for The Music of the Beatles, a March 14 concert featuring the Duquesne Jazz Ensemble and several guest faculty performers. Chair of Jazz Studies Mike Tomaro coordinated The Music of the Beatles, arranged the music for the performance and also created an accompanying slide show that featured Beatles-related photos and images.

Did You Know?

The Department of Speech-Language Pathology
hosted its fourth annual symposium, The Evidence Supporting Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD) and Counseling, on March 22. The event explored auditory processing disorders from a neurological perspective across the lifespan, reviewed the current evidence available regarding treatment efficacy and described the link between communication skills, trust and patient adherence to clinician recommendations.

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, has had five patents issued in four months. Gangjee’s work focuses on creating cancer-fighting agents as well as compounds to help cancer patients and others keep opportunistic infections and diseases at bay.

This year’s campus celebration of Women’s History Month featured two events that showcased women making waves in poetry and the visual arts. The keynote event featured award-winning poet Jan Beatty and a second event featured video artist Emily Newman. The events were sponsored by the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, the McAnulty College NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) Endowment and the English and history departments.

Duquesne law students Finn Skovdal, Christy Gamble, John Woodruff and Danielle Wete won first place at the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Regional Competition, which was held in February. The Duquesne students competed against 15 other law schools and defeated Howard University School of Law in the championship round. Adjunct Law Professors Lisa Barnett and Brock McCandless coached the award-winning team.

In March, an interdisciplinary group of experts explored investigative, legal, scientific and ethical dimensions of DNA evidence, as well as ways to improve upon current forensic practice, at Whose DNA Is it Anyway?, a part of the Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law’s Forensic Fridays series. Whose DNA Is it Anyway? was co-sponsored by the Bayer School and the School of Nursing.
When Edward Eddy, A’49, came to our Bluff, his experience was far from traditional.

After graduating from Central Catholic High School in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Eddy joined the service and flew B-24s over the Pacific. Once his tour was over, he knew he wanted to go to college, but was unsure what he wanted to study. “I considered a few schools, but I knew that I would get the best education at Duquesne because the Fathers who were teaching were straightforward and honest,” says Eddy.

He grew up admiring Duquesne, and when he arrived on campus in 1946, he found the Spiritan Fathers to be very supportive. He still remembers the impact they had on him as he worked his way through school.

“I believe Duquesne owes so much credit to the good Fathers who built the school from nothing into one of the most prominent Catholic universities in the country. I attended Duquesne during such a special time in history and in my life—I worked full time and got married my sophomore year. All of the priests were so supportive, especially Father Gallagher—they were always there to listen and provided a first-class education,” says Eddy.

A Pittsburgh native who lived with aunts and uncles after his parents passed away, Eddy found that Catholicism played a big part in his life. While a high school student, he moved into the parish home of St. Theresa in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh so that he could attend Central Catholic High School.

“I have always had great respect for priests as teachers; that respect definitely led me towards Duquesne,” says Eddy.
The Spiritan worldview and the Catholic intellectual tradition both recognize community service as a catalyst for intellectual and moral growth, and the importance of service has shaped and distinguished scholarship at Duquesne since the University's earliest days.

A revamped Msgr. Charles Owen Rice Lecture Series is beginning to develop new ways for the Duquesne community to exemplify that ideal.

Sponsored by the Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (CCIT) and funded by the McGinley Endowment, what was formerly a single annual lecture is now a series of ongoing dialogues with community residents taking place in Pittsburgh’s neighborhoods, inspiring the new name, Rice on the Road, and building on Duquesne’s existing interdisciplinary scholarship and community service initiatives. Moreover, true to the series’ namesake, the late Monsignor Charles Owen Rice, A’34, who came to be known as “Pittsburgh’s Labor Priest” for actions on behalf of workers and victims of injustice, the series stresses engagement and collaboration in the work for social justice.

Dr. Darlene Weaver, associate professor of theology and CCIT director, made a decision to reform the long-standing annual Rice lecture into a semester-long series, moving beyond the traditional lecture format to build new partnerships and strengthen old ones with people in the communities surrounding campus. Weaver teamed with Dr. Lina Dostilio, director of academic community engagement, and Luci-Jo DiMaggio, assistant director of Spiritan Campus Ministry, to design Rice on the Road.

Aiming to make the most of ongoing work being shared among members of the Duquesne community and the community groups of the Hill District and Hazelwood neighborhoods, Rice on the Road emerged as four excursions into the community, with transportation and food provided, capped by an on-campus closing dialogue on April 2. Each was a two-hour event where people from the neighborhood and members of the campus community listened closely and worked to find common ground.

Weaver feels that Duquesne’s community engagement efforts stood apart even before Rice on the Road. Sometimes, she explains, a college or university’s service-learning programs, which are created to blend community assistance with learning opportunities, are episodic and unlikely to engender deep understanding of the very problems that students and their professors aim to address. Scattershot forays into service, she says, “disregard the experience, the wisdom, the insight and the talents of the community residents.” Duquesne, on the other hand, tries to treat residents in the community as partners and collaborators in problem solving.

The first event, Exploring Community Trauma: A Deliberative Dialogue, took place on Feb. 18 in the Hill District...
and elicited personal stories that serve to remind us that our vulnerability is shared, albeit unequally. “You don’t need to live in an underserved community to lose a child or to undergo sexual assault,” says Weaver. “These things can happen to anyone, and yet, social institutions structure our vulnerability, making categories of people and entire communities more vulnerable than others.”

Each of the Rice on the Road events endeavored to be an intentional dialogue, where invited stakeholders could participate in a panel discussion and share their perspectives and experiences. At the second event, Women Building Communities, on Feb. 25 in the Hill District, Weaver recalled how one speaker called upon her own experience in a way that simultaneously put service-learning into perspective and underscored the wisdom of collaboration for the sake of service.

As Weaver recalls it, a member of the Ujamaa Collective, a group of women entrepreneurs and artisans headquartered in the Hill District, said that she declines assistance from outsiders who simply offer aid. “If you come just to help, then, respectfully, I would say, ‘Thank you, but I’m doing okay,’” Weaver remembers the woman saying, “but if you come because you feel that your liberation is tied up with my liberation, we can find a way to work together.”

Full engagement with the community made the third event in the series, August Wilson’s Hill District, possible. Honors College students organized it as a March 21 bus tour followed by a discussion at the Hill District Carnegie Library. A class project for Community and University, a seminar taught by Dr. Evan Stoddard, associate dean of liberal arts, it showcased the landmarks and cultural touchstones of the playwright’s works and formative years.
Stoddard’s own experience in the Hill District, which was essential for getting students familiar and comfortable in interactions with residents, dates to the 1970s, when he served as director of Pittsburgh’s Economic Development Department. The tour also built on work begun in the 2012 version of the class, where students formulated the details of a long-term relationship—a signature partnership—between Duquesne’s Honors College and the Daisy Wilson Artist Community, a non-profit organization that is rescuing August Wilson’s boyhood home, working to gain historic landmark designation for the structure and to transform the now-abandoned building into a community asset, performance venue and resource for visiting scholars.

The final community excursion took students and faculty members to Hazelwood on March 22. Along the way, a guide, Michael Wilson, director of the Glen Hazel Tenants Council, called out the mileposts on the neighborhood’s route to decline: mills closing, population loss, shuttered grocery stores, and the closure of the city swimming pool and all three of the neighborhood’s public schools.

A recent application to launch a charter school in Hazelwood was denied, dashing hopes that busing children to unfamiliar communities for their education, a contributing factor in lower academic performance, would stop and that the new school could provide solidarity for the neighborhood. The charter denial set the tone and agenda for the panel discussion.

Buffeted but not prostrate, numerous community residents spoke of their determination to turn the situation...
around, yet for Weaver the gathering had meaning beyond addressing issues of educational injustice. Strong communities as well as community service, she explains, depend on the willingness to listen and collaborate, a willingness that she calls a “uniquely Spiritan” approach. Community leaders echoed the wisdom of that approach when they gathered for the closing dialogue of the series in the Africa Room of the Duquesne Union on April 2.

“It’s easier to talk about what to do with abandoned structures than it is to talk about human development,” observes Paul Abernathy, director of Focus Pittsburgh, a Christian service organization. Asserting that by ignoring human development we are hobbling our chances to achieve lasting improvement, he called the Community Trauma event in the Rice on the Road series, at which he was a panelist, a “milestone for our community” because it “gave us a chance to discuss the issues that destroy us at our core, the matters of the heart that require a great deal of healing.”

Pastor Tim Smith of Center of Life Church, a panelist in the Hazelwood event, lauds Duquesne and Rice on the Road for adopting a people-centered approach to problem solving. Referring to a foundational value of the Spiritans—of growing and learning with people in a community in order to achieve social justice in that community—he points out that, “It’s almost like we have to get back to something basic so that we can move forward.”

Exemplifying the Spiritan ideal of treating those we wish to serve as partners and collaborators was one of the primary goals that Weaver hoped Rice on the Road could achieve, not simply for the sake of effective problem solving but because it is the approach that promises personal and spiritual growth for all concerned.

“We live in a world where acts of charity can be done from a distance, sometimes just by clicking [a mouse], but that is no substitute for being in relationships with others,” says Weaver. “Being in a relationship is where the real possibility for transformation occurs.”

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–Pastor Tim Smith
ONE SPRING DAY, a young man traveling through the backwoods of western Pennsylvania set the world on fire.

No one knew it on that day more than 250 years ago, but the actions of the young man—George Washington—in starting a skirmish with French troops ignited the French & Indian War, a conflict that helped shape the destiny of North America and led to the founding of Pittsburgh.

History is made every day. We may not realize it as it’s happening, but what goes on around us on a daily basis can influence our lives in profound ways that can define decades and even centuries.

Historians interpret and celebrate our past, helping us learn about historical events so we can know more about our lives and our world. And, Duquesne is their “boot camp.”

“You can call it basic training in archival and museum work,” says Perry Blatz, director of Duquesne’s Public History Program, one of the oldest programs of its kind in the United States.

Public historians convey historical information in various public settings—generally historical museums, historical archives and libraries, and historic sites. The Public History Program prepares students to work in these settings, while providing a firm grounding in American history with professional courses and internships.
That unique combination has been drawing students to the program since it began in 1979. For more than 30 years, graduates of the master’s program have been working for a vast array of organizations across the country to preserve and interpret the past.

“The public history field was growing in the ‘70s when I first heard about it. The thought was that we’ve always had schools, colleges and universities to bring history to students, but how could we focus on other ways to bring history to the public?” says Blatz, who has directed Duquesne’s program since 1987. “Over the last 30 years, it’s become more focused.”

In addition to providing the practical experience of archival and museum work with training in history, Duquesne’s program is focused on getting students into the community through internship opportunities.

“A good part of what you get in this program is beyond Duquesne and out in the community at the wonderful historical and cultural institutions we have in Pittsburgh,” says Blatz.

A community aspect is at the heart of the program, which instills a strong sense in graduates that they are a vital part of helping to preserve the history and identity of a community, and serve as the stewards and interpreters of the public’s history.

“All of the opportunities that Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania offer to help in the community are one of the keys to the long life of this program and add an extra dimension to our program,” says Blatz.

Public History Program graduates hold interesting positions at many diverse organizations across the country. The following stories highlight some of those alumni.

“Now, after almost 25 years of writing books and producing videos about history, appearing in programs on the History Channel and PBS, and working as director of publications at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, he has come full circle as a teacher for the Public History Program.

“Now I get to give back by teaching a class in historical editing. We host guests from various aspects of the field, from grant writers to exhibit label creators, so that we all learn about different opportunities,” says Butko.

Butko has been exposed to many aspects of the public history field over his years as teacher, researcher, writer and producer. One of his favorite parts of the field is watching great things happen when museum and preservation professionals and people who love history come together to continue the sense of heritage and identity that historic sites offer.

“I think that’s the best part, that connection between a historic site and the people in the community helping to preserve and promote it,” he says.
Ron Baraff
Director of Museum Collections & Archives, Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation

Ron Baraff, GA’99, lives for the phone call when he’s offered a public historian’s dream: the offer to visit an old industrial building and take anything he wants.

He usually only has hours to get to the building before it goes up for sale or before it’s destroyed. Sometimes, when he shows up, bulldozers are already standing by, ready to raze the building as soon as he emerges, arms laden with blueprints, employee records and company files.

While the destruction or sale of an industrial building of historical importance is sad, Baraff knows it’s all part of the changing landscape of the Pittsburgh region over the last 30 years—a story he knows well.

As director of museum collections and archives for the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation (RSHC), located in Homestead, Pa., Baraff works to preserve and interpret the tragic and heroic history of the industry that defined Pittsburgh for more than a century: steel.

“What happened in Pittsburgh with big steel didn’t happen in a vacuum—it had a huge effect on the entire region and it’s an important story nationally and internationally,” says Baraff. “I’m here to tell a story and to help this region maintain its sense of self, and use it for the present and move it to the future.”

In fact, it was what he calls “the human element” of the program—the sense that public historians are the stewards and interpreters of history for their communities—that drew him to Duquesne.

“I wanted to be able to do this work and disseminate the work for public programming,” says Baraff. “The treasure of the region is the people and the story of the people and traditions of Pittsburgh.”

Whether he’s working with historic documents, curating exhibits or working in the field at the RSHC’s Carrie Furnace site (where two non-operative iron-making blast furnaces still stand and are part of the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area), Baraff remains close with the University’s Public History Program.

“The professors and staff were always extremely approachable mentors and friends,” says Baraff. “I’m not just a graduate; I’m part of that family.”

Emily Hoover
Curator, Fort Pitt Block House

When Emily Hoover, GA’11, dreamed about working in a museum, she never envisioned she would be charged with caring for 18th-century timbers, finding ways to ward off destructive river flooding and coordinating preservation projects.

As curator of Pittsburgh’s oldest structure, the Fort Pitt Block House, Hoover is the expert behind the preservation and interpretation of a building that has sat at the heart of Pittsburgh’s history—in the narrow strip of land where the city’s three rivers meet.

Over the last 250 years, the block, brick and log building has served as a trading post, candy shop and residence. But, it’s original purpose was serving in the defense of Fort Pitt during the French & Indian War in the 18th century, and it’s the only remaining structure of the fort.

“We’re really proud of what we have,” says Hoover of the structure, which is owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution. “The block house has strong symbolism—it’s Pittsburgh’s oldest building and Pittsburgh gets its name from the fort.”

In addition to her daily duties of maintaining the building and giving tours of the structure, Hoover is working on a book about the history of the block house to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2014.

Occasionally, she returns to campus to speak to students currently enrolled in the program. In fact, this past spring, she spoke to Dr. Michael Cahall’s museum studies class. In addition to describing her career and duties as a curator, she shares her thoughts on the program.
Kim Fortney  
Deputy Director, National History Day

When Kim Fortney’s love of history and education come together, more than 600,000 middle school and high school students benefit.

Fortney, GA’95, is deputy director of National History Day, a year-long academic program that challenges students to make history come alive through hands-on experiences and presentations.

“This challenges kids to get into specific detail and context so they are able to really explain the function of that person or event in history,” says Fortney, who, along with her colleagues, develops a theme each year that students must follow.

The National History Day theme for 2013 is Turning Points in History. Students in grades 6 through 12 will examine the topic through creating an exhibit, a performance, a documentary or film, a paper or a website. Students can enter as a group or an individual and their projects are judged by professional educators and historians on historical accuracy and quality of research.

Fortney says she still draws from coursework and experiences she had as part of the Public History Program.

“We (Duquesne students) understood that it would become our role to help preserve the history and identity of many communities as we branched out following graduation,” she says. “By working together, we can work toward the ultimate goal—helping to preserve the history and identity of a community.”

AMANDA GILLEN  
Curator of Education & Collections for Clayton, Frick Art & Historical Center

&

EMILIA BOEHM  
Assistant Curator of Collections & Exhibitions, Frick Art & Historical Center

When Amanda Gillen, GA’02, and Emilia Boehm, GA’05, go to work, they enter the 19th-century world of one of the wealthiest families to ever live in Pittsburgh. Their job is to interpret that world for 21st-century visitors to the Frick Art & Historical Center, located in Pittsburgh’s Point Breeze neighborhood.

“I love working with the collections here and learning about this house and finding new things to share with the public,” says Gillen, curator of education and collections for Clayton at the Frick Art & Historical Center.

The Frick sits on a 5 ½-acre campus that includes historical house Clayton, an art museum and a car and carriage museum. Gillen is responsible for the collection at Clayton, develops tour content and supervises the Clayton docent staff; Boehm works with the temporary exhibitions staged in the Frick Art Museum and supervises the daily.

“All of the papers, classes, internships and projects were worth it because in the end, these things all helped me in finding employment in the field and they continue to help me in my day-to-day tasks with my job,” says Hoover. “At some point or another, I have utilized many of the skills and knowledge I gained from Duquesne in the ‘real world’ of public history.”

She also knows her work helps preserve an important part of Pittsburgh’s history.

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“Many of our affiliates are based in a humanities council or a state history organization,” says Fortney, whose organization is based in College Park, Md. “I can speak to them because I know the language (of museum-related groups). It’s helpful to have that context.”

She chose Duquesne’s program because, in addition to the practicality of instruction in museum work, it has a strong history component, which has served her well in her current position. Her enthusiasm for sharing history with students is palpable.

“Everything we do is about them,” says Fortney. “They’re learning so much and they’re so excited about it—it’s a transformative program and seeing that happen is inspirational.”

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Both women love history and pursued the field as undergraduates, but didn’t want to take the traditional path of using their history degree to teach. When they found Duquesne’s Public History Program, they knew the versatility of the program would give them a solid understanding of museum and archival practices.

“One of the most appealing things to me about the program was that I could see a clear career path stemming from the program,” says Gillen. “I liked the idea that the two required internships would put me in direct contact with museums and people in those museums in Pittsburgh, access that it would have been much harder to gain otherwise, and I really wanted to be able to get that kind of hands-on experience.”

Now, Gillen and Boehm spend their days taking care of the Henry Clay Frick family’s priceless artwork, clothing, historic documents, and antique cars and carriages. In addition to caring for the historical objects, Gillen and Boehm are constantly developing new ways to share this unique history with visitors to the Frick.

“I think anyone who decides to pursue a career in museums or archives or historic institutions comes to the work with a sense of the importance of the past and a desire to preserve it. What the program does, at least what it did for me, is to open the window to the world of how things are cared for and interpreted in museum and historic settings,” says Gillen.

Both graduates believe the Public History Program laid the groundwork for the diversity of skills museum work requires.

“At Duquesne, I met students with varying academic interests and work experience, but there was a level of mutual appreciation in that we all had an interest in sharing and preserving history,” says Boehm. “I think the program gives you the tools to shape and grow that interest, and use it to become a part of the public history community.”

Whether they are curating exhibits, training docents or developing tours, Gillen and Boehm always consider the bigger community in their work and know their work always comes back to being storytellers.

“We get to tell a lot of stories,” says Boehm.

David Janssen’s favorite kind of museum is a house museum.

“They are the most complex kind of museums,” says Janssen, GA’91. “Our buildings are artifacts and our grounds are artifacts. It forces you to grow and it forces you to learn new things every day – it’s why I stay enthusiastic.”

He also loves the intimacy of personal objects.

“Working with an artifact can connect you with the historical person or event, and that can provide a sense of awe,” says Janssen. “It has that emotional power.”

After going through Duquesne’s Public History Program and earning his degree, he thought he would work in a large museum or for a historical society. Then, a job offer changed his mind and changed the course of his career.

“By chance, the first job I got out of Duquesne was at a house museum,” says Janssen.
Tom White
Duquesne University Archivist & Curator of Special Collections and Adjunct Professor of History
Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science, La Roche College

Tom White, GA’99, spends most of his days surrounded by floor-to-ceiling shelving that contains thousands of historical documents, films and artifacts that all have one thing in common: Duquesne University.

White, the University’s archivist and curator of special collections, was surprised at the extent of Duquesne’s collections when he arrived on campus in 2005. “I was surprised at some of the special collections, like the Musmanno Collection,” says White, referring to a collection of documents and artifacts donated by the late Honorable Michael A. Musmanno, a World War II veteran who served as a presiding judge at the Nuremberg Trials before going onto a long and distinguished career as a Pennsylvania State Supreme Court justice, congressman and author.

Items from the Musmanno Collection join other rare objects in the University’s archives: handwritten ledgers of the first students from 1883; a small notebook containing the hand-written minutes from Duquesne’s board of directors meetings from 1901-1939; and artifacts European priests brought to campus, such as a religious book from 1175, a music book from 1400 and a 1596 copy of a papal bull issued by Pope Clement VIII.

Each item helps tell the unique story of the University. “I never get up and don’t feel like going to work,” says White, who since 2005 has taught the program’s archives study course. “There’s always something new.”

White is used to researching a vast array of historical periods and topics. In addition to his teaching and archival work, he is the author of seven books on such diverse subjects as historical witchcraft in Pennsylvania, gangs and outlaws of western Pennsylvania, and the history of Duquesne’s School of Business. He says the versatility and practicality offered by the Public History Program prepared him for his career. “I liked the emphasis on practical skills combined with a solid background in American history,” says White. “I’ve used the skills I learned frequently at the various archives and museums where I have worked.”

He enjoys seeing graduates become a link between their community and its heritage. “It is at the community level where national history becomes real, and public historians become the bridge between academic ideas about history and the public’s interaction with the past,” he says.

He was hooked on house museums and went on to work in curatorial and administrative positions at three historic homes around the country. In Jan. 2012, after serving as vice president of collections and interpretation at the Detroit Historical Society, he became executive director of Brucemore, a 19th-century mansion surrounded by a 26-acre estate.

Through his 20 years of experience in museum and historic site leadership, he often thinks back to his training at Duquesne and something Prof. Perry Blatz told him during his time in the program: “He said it’s important to be grounded in history and how to interpret it,” says Janssen. “To lead an institution charged with preserving and interpreting history requires a solid foundation in historical technique. No matter what other skills I’ve picked up along the way, and within the context of all of the things we do to engage our community and audiences, that lesson reminds me that at the heart of what we do is appreciating and sharing evidence of the past.”
This past spring break, 15 students traveled to Immokalee, Fla., a small agricultural town, to work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), which is a group of migrant farm workers from Mexico, Haiti and Guatemala who have organized in order to provide better wages and working conditions in Florida’s tomato fields. Throughout the week, students worked in the town’s soup kitchens, day care centers, after school programs and low-income housing developments, and received tours of the area from CIW staff. The group was able to finish out the week by joining the CIW for 32 miles of an historic 200-mile march for “Rights, Respect and Fair Food.” Students were able to fully experience the Catholic social teaching principle of solidarity as they marched shoulder to shoulder and shared stories with CIW farm workers and their allies.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has recognized the University’s commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement for a seventh consecutive year. Duquesne was named by the CNCS to its 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

In addition, it is the fourth consecutive year that the University received the recognition of Honor Roll with Distinction, a commendation that highlights exemplary programs and levels of student involvement. Duquesne is the only Pittsburgh school and one of just five Pennsylvania universities among the 113 institutions across the United States to receive this special recognition.

“These institutions have inspired students and faculty alike to roll up their sleeves and work alongside members of the community to solve problems and improve their neighbors’ lives,” says Wendy Spencer, chief executive officer of CNCS.

The CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than four million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama’s national call to service initiative, United We Serve.

Duquesne student Katie Ratay discussed her volunteer work with the homeless during Spiritan Campus Ministry’s second Lenten Libermann Luncheon in February. Ratay, who works with the homeless through Duquesne’s chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, discussed how the experience is one of the ways in which the gift of the Spirit can be shared with the University community and beyond.

Students who participate in the Community Engagement Scholars program have been working with FOCUS Pittsburgh to develop the peer support specialist role within the FOCUS Free Healthcare Clinic that will be opening in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh later this spring. Caitlyn Depp (liberal arts), Kate Patterson (occupational therapy) and Kaitlyn Kerrigan (occupational therapy) have been working intensively with the executive director of FOCUS, its participants and groups of residents to develop the position. Peer support specialists are residents of the Hill District who welcome people into the clinic, perform intake duties and meet with them at the conclusion of their visit.

“I really enjoy meeting and getting to know the people of the Hill District community; they are so kind and welcoming,” says Depp.
1. John Kaites (center), L’90, and his wife, Ann, hosted a gathering of more than 30 alumni and friends in their home in Phoenix, Ariz. Duquesne President Charles Dougherty provided a University update and conducted a Q&A session with those in attendance.

2. More than 400 alumni and friends took part in the 2nd Annual Red & Blue Brew, a beer tasting event hosted in the Duquesne Union by the Young Alumni Council. The proceeds from the beer tasting will support the Young Alumni Council Endowed Impact Fund, to assist current Duquesne students with educational expenses.

3. Alumni recently gathered in Sarasota, Fla., for a lovely reception and dinner at Michael’s Wine Room, thanks to hosts Dr. Robert Gussin, P’59, GP’61, H’95, and his wife, Dr. Patricia Gussin, H’02.

4. In April, the Women’s Guild welcomed WTAE-TV anchors Demetrius Ivory and Amber Nicotra to Duquesne as emcees for its annual Stepping into Spring fashion show and luncheon. This annual event supports the Guild’s endowed scholarship for students with financial needs and Spiritan Campus Ministry service projects. Shown are Demetrius Ivory and Women’s Guild President and Fashion Show Chair Mary McIntyre with Amber Nicotra.

5. Despite the cold weather, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on Palm Sunday, was enjoyed by alumni and their children.

6. Thanks to the generosity of the Duquesne community, pencils, crayons and paper are among the much-needed school supplies that have been delivered to La Ruche Enchantée Schools in Croix Des Bouquets and Carrefour-Feuilles, Haiti.
Recently, Duquesne researchers have been focusing on American cultural diplomacy during the Cold War, reducing the side effects of medication, atomic-level exploration of semiconductors, breakthroughs in the research of painful bladder syndrome, monitoring river water quality and helping to improve mobility and prevent falls among the elderly.

Research Looks to Reduce Side Effects of Medications

A University research team is attempting to unravel the regulation of dopamine that leads to happiness. But happiness alone is not at the end of their search. The modulation of neurotransmitters dopamine, serotonin and norepinephrine in the synaptic cleft, or space, is at the heart of many health issues: substance abuse, schizophrenia, anxiety, Parkinson’s disease, attention deficit disorder and depression. Medications may ease symptoms, but the team is also looking to reduce adverse side effects.

Dr. Jeffry D. Madura, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and a computational chemist in the Bayer School, has received a $288,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse for his research, which he is conducting with colleagues Dr. Christopher Surratt, professor of pharmacology; Dr. David Lapinsky, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry; and Dr. Michael Cascio, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

By mapping how these critical neurotransmitters are controlled, they are trying to better understand the function and structure of the proteins that modulate the receptor/transporter processes of dopamine and serotonin, as well as amphetamines and cocaine. The group already has identified a compound as a potential new class of serotonin inhibitors.

With virtual screening, which consists of building a model to screen compounds for potential serotonin transporter inhibitors, Madura and his team are searching for new antidepressant medication candidates. Their initial findings were reported in the *Biophysical Journal* at the end of 2012, with their detailed analysis expected to be published by year’s end.

Cheers to Your Health

A recent study conducted by Dr. Jane Cavanaugh, assistant pharmacology professor, and pharmacy graduate student Erika Allen of the Mylan School of Pharmacy suggests that resveratrol—a chemical compound found in red wine—may help improve mobility and prevent falls among the elderly.

In their study, Cavanaugh and Allen’s research team worked with groups of young, middle-aged and older mice, which were fed a diet of resveratrol in various forms. They tested the ability of the mice to maneuver a steel-mesh balance beam and found that the older mice, which at first had the most difficulty keeping their balance, showed marked improvement after four weeks on the resveratrol-enhanced diet.

“Our study suggests that resveratrol, as part of a daily diet, could possibly decrease some of the motor deficiencies seen in our aging population,” says Cavanaugh.

The team’s research—which was presented at a recent American Chemical Society conference—may lead to novel therapies for age-related motor deficits utilizing natural compounds.

Resveratrol, which is available in supplement form, is found naturally in the skin of grapes, blueberries, raspberries, peanuts and walnuts. It has also been touted to help with cancer prevention, reduce the risk of heart disease and feature anti-diabetic effects.
**DU Team Reports Breakthrough in Painful Bladder Syndrome**

Dr. Ben Kolber, assistant professor of biological sciences and a member of the Chronic Pain Research Consortium, and his team have made a breakthrough in their research of painful bladder syndrome (PBS). Kolber and his team have discovered a direct link between PBS and the amygdala, an almond-sized area in the brain linked to regulating emotions and stress reactions. In *The Journal of Neuroscience*, the team’s results showed that stimulating the right amygdala can increase the body’s receptive responses to bladder distention. The team’s research suggests that a pharmacological blockage of this stimulation will reduce PBS symptoms and help the lives of millions.

PBS causes frequent bathroom trips coupled with chronic pain and may be linked to stress, depression and autoimmune disease. The syndrome affects between 4.7 and 9.4 million women in the U.S. alone.

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**Professor Awarded NEH Fellowship to Complete Book**

Dr. Greg Barnhisel, associate professor of English in the McAnulty College, has been awarded a $50,400 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete his forthcoming book, *Cold War Modernists*.

“The book is about the use of experimental art in American cultural diplomacy during the first decade of the Cold War,” explains Barnhisel. “At the time, the U.S. government supported book and magazine publication, traveling art shows and also the *Voice of America* radio shows with the aim of persuading audiences—particularly intellectuals in Europe—that the United States had a really thriving culture.”

Showcasing sometimes-challenging art and literature caused conflict in the government, with some conservatives in Congress unsupportive while a number of Department of State officials called the works positive evidence of America’s cultural freedom. Ultimately, Barnhisel feels the book will make a case for the value of liberal democracy, freedom of speech and artistic experimentation.

*Cold War Modernists* will be published by Columbia University Press in 2014.

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**NSF Grant Funds Atomic-Level Exploration of Semiconductors**

Dr. Jennifer Aitken, associate professor of chemistry, knows semiconductors at their atomic level. Her studies of semiconductor compounds used in everything from solar cells to imaging equipment examine exactly how atoms are arranged.

This research has attracted a $431,000, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

“I can use X-ray diffraction to see where the atoms actually are located in a structure,” says Aitken. “You’re looking at something nobody has looked at before.”

Semiconductors, which essentially replaced the once-ubiquitous vacuum tube, can be formed from many different combinations, which create new materials.

The scientific discovery possible through this project is only one of Aitken’s goals. Aitken, who initiated Duquesne’s award-winning Project SEED program, has made a point to provide graduate and undergraduate students, even high schoolers, opportunities to contribute.

“It’s important that we’re educating the next generation of scientists,” says Aitken.

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**What’s in Your Watershed?**

A grant of $100,000 from Three Rivers Quest, funded through the Colcom Foundation of Pittsburgh, will allow a team from the University’s Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE) to monitor the water quality of rivers in Allegheny and six other counties.

The team will engage in sampling river water quality in the lower Allegheny River and train local community groups and watershed organizations to collect water samples there as well.

The study is related to land disturbances and industrial discharges, including those from Marcellus shale, as well as sewer outfalls, says Dr. Stan Kabala, associate director of CERE and principal investigator. Working with Kabala on the yearlong project are Dr. Brady Porter, fish expert and associate professor of biological sciences; Dr. John Stolz, CERE director and professor of biological sciences; Dr. Elizabeth Dakin, post-doctoral researcher and instructor of biological sciences; and Dr. Tetiana Kondratyuk, water quality specialist. The project will also provide a field opportunity for students in the master’s of environmental science program.

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Top Ten Reasons to Come Back to Campus for Your Reunion:

1. Because for one night only, DU is resurrecting popular Union Basement gathering spot “The Rat” (we’re looking at you, Class of ’88!)

2. To cheer for your Iron Dukes as they take on St. Francis at 1 p.m. on Rooney Field.

3. To party under the tent at the BBQ on the Bluff, Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Meet old friends under the big top for music, food and drinks.

4. Miss some of your former professors? Stop by your school’s breakfast or event on Saturday morning to see who is still around and know you won’t be leaving with a pile of homework!

5. Don’t have enough embarrassing photos from college? Jump into one of our many photo booths to create some new ones!

6. Kick up your heels with a free performance by the Duquesne University Tamburitzans on Sunday afternoon.

7. Do you know Fr. McCloskey, A’74? Bob Wanovich, P’89, PharmD’91? Sister Linda Yankoski, EdD’03? Mimi McCormick, L’81? Join these fellow alumni at the President’s Dinner and Century Club award presentation on Friday night to celebrate their many achievements.

8. To show your kids why Duquesne played such a special part in your life.

9. Because you haven’t worn your letters in years and you miss your brothers/sisters.

10. To take a walk down Memory Lane—aka A-Walk during Autumnfest, a family-friendly, fun-filled afternoon on campus.

Q: Who are the Alumni Board members?
A: They are Duquesne alumni who represent each of us. They represent various generations, every DU school, multiple interest groups (like Greeks and Commuters), and a number of our regional chapters.

Q: What is the goal or purpose of the Alumni Board?
A: Our goal is to make sure you, as alumni, receive all the services, opportunities and news you deserve no matter where you live, or when you graduated. We are also charged with educating students about being an active and engaged alumnus/a. The board works with the Office of Alumni Relations as a sounding board and to assure that the needs of the alumni are being met.

Q: Any recent changes with the board?
A: There have been lots of changes, and all for the good I hope! We have re-structured our committee system so that all members of the board are tasked with working together in various areas, including Communication and Marketing, Scholarships and Awards, Events and Programs, Advocacy and Student Recruitment, and Governance and Engagement. Also, every school has a representative to make sure that we have good communication between what the University is communicating to alumni and what the schools are communicating.

Q: What can the alumni expect to see in the future from the Board of Governors?
A: Well, our committees have been tasked with getting a lot done over the next several months, so those interested can check in on the progress in the alumni community at www.myduquesne.duq.edu/alumniboard. Of course, you’ll see our work in changes on various social media outlets, student recruitment events and alumni activities around the country, too!
Alumni Scholarship Benefits Legacy Students

BY PATI McVEY ZAPPA, A’06, GA’12

Maria Neville is the third generation in her family to attend Duquesne. Like her mother and grandmother (and uncles and aunt) before her, Neville fell in love with the atmosphere of campus and knew she wanted to study at Duquesne. Now in her sophomore year of the physician assistant program, Neville’s dream of attending Duquesne was almost just a dream.

“I am so thankful for the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship,” says Neville. “Without this scholarship, it would have been virtually impossible financially for me to attend school at Duquesne this year.”

For the 2012-2013 school year, the Alumni Association has awarded 82 need-based scholarships like the one Neville receives, totaling $93,200. The association also awards a merit-based scholarship; four Legacy students (one freshman and three upperclassmen) received the merit award this year, totaling $16,000.

The number and amount of need-based scholarships have increased significantly since the Alumni Association began awarding them during the 2000-2001 school year. In that first year, only four students applied for the scholarship; this year, 158 students applied. Over the past 12 years, 337 students have received need-based scholarships, totaling nearly $500,000. There currently are 867 Legacy students on campus and more than 600 Legacy students have been accepted for the fall 2013 semester.

“The selection process is one that the committee takes to heart because we know every dollar helps when paying for a college education,” says Andrew Hoover, B’09, a member of the Alumni Board of Governors and Scholarship Selection Committee. “It is great learning about the many Legacy students that are leaving their mark on the University.”

All qualifying Legacy students are encouraged to go online and submit an application before the June 1, 2013 deadline.

If you would like to support students through the Alumni Endowed Scholarship, go to www.duq.edu/make-a-gift.
CHASE BROOKS NAMED MEN’S SOCCER COACH

Chase Brooks, who led Niagara University to an NCAA Championship appearance last season, has been named head coach of the Duquesne men’s soccer program. Brooks is the fourth coach in the history of the program, which began play at the club level in 1994, before moving to the Division I level the following year.

“We are very excited about the hiring of Chase Brooks as our new men’s soccer coach,” says Director of Athletics Greg Amodio. “He has an impressive track record from his time as the top assistant at Dayton to his recent success as a head coach at Niagara. His familiarity with the Atlantic 10 Conference will be beneficial to the program.”

Brooks spent two seasons as the head coach at Niagara, where he guided the Purple Eagles to a 13-2-4 record in 2012, along with the school’s first Metro Atlantic Athletic Association Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance. In his two seasons, the 2012 NSCAA North Atlantic Coach of the Year posted a career record of 22-6-9.

The Purple Eagles also excelled academically during Brooks’ tenure, with 10 players earning MAAC All-Academic Team honors in 2012 and eight in 2011. Niagara was also recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) with the Team Academic Award both years.

“I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to lead the Duquesne men’s soccer program forward,” says Brooks. “This is a program that is poised to take the next step on to the national scene and we will work hard every day to make that happen.”

Before Niagara, Brooks spent four seasons as the top assistant coach for the Dayton Flyers men’s program, where his main focus was on recruiting scheduling, travel and player development, as well as serving as co-director of the UD Soccer Academy. He helped the Flyers win the 2008 Atlantic 10 Tournament, which was UD’s first championship in 10 years. Dayton went 15-4-3 in 2008 in earning the school’s first NCAA Men’s Soccer Championship bid. The Flyers finished the season ranked No. 1 in the NSCAA/adidas Middle Atlantic regional rankings and No. 19 in the national poll.

Brooks, who earned a master’s degree in sports management while serving as an assistant coach at Northern Illinois University for two years, has also earned an Advanced National License from the NSCAA in 2005, after earning an NSCAA National License Distinguished Pass in 2004. He also holds a USSF “B” License.

The Ft. Myers, Fla., native is a graduate of Eckerd College, where he was a standout member of the soccer team. Brooks and his wife, Sarah, have a daughter named Kennedy.

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE TO HAVE A NEW LOOK IN 2013-14

The Atlantic 10 Conference—home to Duquesne’s varsity athletics programs for 36 seasons—will have a new look in 2013-14 with the addition of George Mason University.

The Patriots, formerly of the Colonial Athletic Association, formally accepted an invitation to join the Atlantic 10 on March 25 and will officially become a full-time conference member on July 1, 2013.

The addition of George Mason, located in Fairfax, Va., strengthens the Atlantic 10’s presence in the Washington, D.C., metro area, the eighth largest media market in the country. The Atlantic 10 holds one of the most impressive media footprints in all of Division I. The addition of George Mason means there are eight A-10 schools located in the top 25 media markets in the country, and every institution is located in the top 65 markets.

The Atlantic 10 will compete as a 13-team conference in 2013-14, consisting of Duquesne, Dayton (Dayton, Ohio), Fordham (Bronx, N.Y.), George Mason (Fairfax, Va.), George Washington (Washington, D.C.), La Salle (Philadelphia, Pa.), Massachusetts (Amherst, Mass.), Rhode Island (Kingston, R.I.), Richmond (Richmond, Va.), St. Bonaventure (Allegany, N.Y.), Saint Joseph’s (Philadelphia, Pa.), Saint Louis (St. Louis, Mo.) and VCU (Richmond, Va.).
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL MAKES FIFTH-STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCE

The women’s basketball team posted its fifth consecutive postseason appearance in 2012-13. The Dukes, who tied the program record with 24 wins, advanced to the second round of the WNIT in March. Some highlights from the season:

- Tied the program record for wins (24-8) in posting the school’s best winning percentage (.750)
- Fifth-straight post-season appearance (WNIT in 2009, ’10, ’11, ’12, ’13)
- Received votes in the AP Poll seven times and the USA Today Coaches Poll one time
- Defeated No. 17 Delaware and No. 20 West Virginia during the regular season
- Led the nation in steals per game
- Posted a program-best 10-game winning streak in November/December

Individually, the Dukes also garnered a number of honors:

- Wumi Agunbiade named First Team All-Atlantic 10
- Jocelyn Floyd named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year
- Floyd named to Atlantic 10 All-Defensive team
- April Robinson, a three-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week, was named to A-10 All-Rookie team
- The senior class of Ahjah Hall, Jocelyn Floyd, Vanessa Abel and Carly Vendemia finished with 88 career wins—the most in program history

FOOTBALL TO PLAY FIVE ON ROONEY FIELD

The 2013 Duquesne football team will play a total of five games on Rooney Field beginning with an Aug. 31 match-up with former Northeast Conference member Albany. DU, in its ninth year under head coach Jerry Schmitt, will host West Liberty on Oct. 5 before welcoming defending NEC champion Wagner on Oct. 12 for Homecoming. The home season concludes with conference games against Saint Francis, Pa., on Nov. 2 and Central Connecticut State on Nov. 16. The complete 2013 schedule, as well as ticket information, may be found at www.GoDuquesne.com.

THE PITTSBURGH STEALER

Senior guard Jocelyn Floyd finished the 2012-13 season as the NCAA leader in steals per game at 4.97. In doing so, she became the first Duquesne basketball player—male or female—to lead the nation in an individual statistical category. Floyd finished as the school record holder for steals in a career (366) and single season (149). Her 149 steals in 2012-13 were the most in the A-10 since 1987-88, and the 4.97 spg. average was the second-highest in conference history.
Events Spotlight Africa, Including DU’s Involvement

The Center for African Studies, in collaboration with other departments on campus, hosted a series of events in March to improve understanding of Africa and how students and faculty are engaged there through studies, research, service and teaching.

The events kicked off with Mother Symbol and Africana Women’s Religious Practices of Peacebuilding, a lecture presented by Dr. Dianne Diakité, associate professor of religion and African-American studies at Emory University. The event was co-sponsored by the Rev. Pierre Schouver, C.S.Sp., Endowed Chair in Mission and the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies.

The Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition presented Building Relationships with Africa: Evolving Foundations for Research, Teaching and Service. Dr. Anne Marie Hansen, assistant occupational therapy professor and a Paluse Faculty Research Grant winner, and Drs. Lisa Lopez Levers and Rodney Hopson, both of the School of Education, shared stories of their own experiences in Africa. A student forum showcasing the experiences of students who have traveled to Africa during their time at Duquesne was also held.

Building Relationships with Africa was co-sponsored by the Center for Spiritan Studies, the Office of International Programs, the Office of Mission and Identity, the Office of Research, the Office of Service-Learning and the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Law School Hosts National Symposium

Legal scholars, judges and practitioners convened at Duquesne in February to explore the significance of two recent landmark decisions made by the U.S. Supreme Court that reiterated a criminal defendant’s Sixth Amendment right to having an effective lawyer during plea bargain negotiations.

The School of Law presented Plea Bargaining After Lafler and Frye, a national symposium.

A keynote speech by the Hon. W. Louis Sands, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, kicked off the symposium. The Hon. Frank Easterbrook, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, presented opening remarks ahead of panel discussions featuring scholars from a dozen law schools and universities, with prominent Pittsburgh jurists serving as moderators.

Co-sponsors for the symposium included the American Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Section White Collar Crime Committee, Mid-Atlantic Region, and Wolters Kluwer.

SCM Program Called One of Nation’s Top 25

Duquesne is the only school in the Pittsburgh region to have its Supply Chain Management (SCM) Program selected as one of the nation’s Top 25 Programs.

The list, compiled by Camcode inventory tracking solutions, includes mainly public schools from across the country. Duquesne was among the handful of private institutions on the list. Selection of these top programs, according to Camcode, was “based on the depth and breadth of the educational offerings, including access to multidisciplinary opportunities for students and ability to participate in research in the supply chain management field.”

Programs also were included based upon the recommendation of the Institute for Supply Management and other leading associations.
DU Delivers
Accounting Assistance to Spiritans in Africa

When educators at Spiritan schools in Tanzania needed help learning how to use accounting software, Duquesne supplied the experts and the training. University Controller Russ Grunebach, Manager of General and Research Accounting Samantha Dietrich Prasky, and Palumbo•Donahue School of Business Dean Dr. Alan Miciak returned recently from Tanzania, where they helped educators in the local Spiritan schools become more familiar and fluent with QuickBooks. Designed as financial software for individuals unfamiliar with accounting, QuickBooks is widely used around the world. According to Prasky, their goal was to help the Education Ministry of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit’s Tanzania Province use the software to create a financial reporting framework. Now, after more than a year of training through conference calls and the recent in-person workshop, the Spiritan schools will be able to generate reports and consolidate them with those of other schools in the Province, thus providing the Spiritans with the benefits of automated accounting and a more precise and complete financial picture of their educational operations.

Trips to Africa Celebrate DU Involvement

Three Duquesne emissaries recently traveled to Africa, celebrating ties between the University and the Spiritan International School of Theology (SIST) while looking to forge new connections in West Africa. The Rev. Elochukwu Uzukwu, C.S.Sp., the Pierre Schouver Endowed Chair; Dr. Gerald Booodu, director of the Center for African Studies; and Dr. George Worgul, University coordinator for academic programs in Africa, made their trips in December. Uzukwu and Worgul delivered keynotes at a conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of SIST. Additionally, Worgul undertook preliminary visits to the Spiritan University College in Ejisu, Ghana, and the Spiritan University in Nneochi, Nigeria, and Booodoo investigated study abroad possibilities in Ghana, seeking partners for study abroad courses in Africa, starting in the summer of 2014 (these core classes would be open to all undergraduates, geared especially to those opting for a minor in African studies). The efforts seek to further realize Duquesne’s strategic plan calling for greater involvement with Africa.

Dean Alan Miciak hands the strategic goals for the workshop to the Rev. Florentine Mallya, C.S.Sp.
1960s

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, N’60, distinguished professor emerita, Loyola University Chicago, was the keynote speaker at the 2nd Eulji International Nursing Conference: Fostering Artistic Nursing Potential through Communication in Seoul, Korea. She also led a five-day seminar in Switzerland based upon her “Theory of Human Becoming,” and was the guest of honor at the 15th Biennial International Conference on Humanbecoming held in Ontario. She is a former dean of Duquesne’s School of Nursing.

Dorothy Ranaghan, B’64, received a master’s degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame and still lives two blocks from the campus. She has been involved with writing and editing Christian books and magazines, doing pastoral counseling, giving retreats and speaking at conferences (especially related to the worldwide charismatic renewal) for over 40 years. Her latest book, Blind Spot: War and Christian Identity, was published in 2011. She and her husband have 6 children and 14 grandchildren.

Cecile T. Tougas, A’68, GA’72, Ph.D.’81, a humanities instructor at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, has had her philosophy book, The Phenomena of Awareness: Husserl, Cantor, Jung, published by Routledge in London.

1970s

Terence L. Blackburn, A’70, currently serves as the country director, Egypt, for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. He served as the founding dean of the School of Law at KIMEP University in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and as the vice president of academic affairs at KIMEP. Prior to moving to Egypt, he served as the country director of the ABA ROLI program in Morocco, and as a legal education reform consultant for ABA ROLI in Amman, Jordan. After 17 years of law practice, he served as dean of Michigan State University College of Law; founding dean of the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University; and professor of law at Seton Hall University School of Law. He has been married for 38 years to Catherine Dwyer and they have two children.

Jim Anderson, M’73, was awarded a Grammy in the Best Surround Sound category at the 55th annual Grammy Awards.

Stephen V. Russell, GA’74, papal archivist, recently discussed the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and presented his collection of papal memorabilia during a luncheon for the Monongahela Rotary Club. He was introduced by the club’s program chairman, Jeffrey Vitale, B’99, MBA’05.

Virginia Maria Grilli, A’75, was recently re-elected as 2nd VP of the board of Catholic Charities Regional Agency serving Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties in Ohio. She was also selected to serve an additional year on the parish pastoral council of St. Paul in Salem.

1980s

John Linarelli, A’81, professor of law & legal theory at Swansea University School of Law, has recently been appointed to head of school (the British equivalent of a U.S. law school dean).

Paul M. Reznick, L’86, is treasurer of The Webb Law Firm in Pittsburgh. He has 27 years of experience with intellectual property law, including patent and trademark prosecution, patent interference, litigation and client counseling.

David C. Schanbacher, L’86, partner in the family law division of Hoffmeyer & Semmelman, LLP, presented on behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute a lecture on his co-authored and recently released 2nd edition of Slicing Up the Pie: Property Distribution in Pennsylvania (PBI Press). The book “assists novice to experienced practitioners with navigation through equitable distribution issues.” He also served as a panel moderator in Pittsburgh for a seminar offered at the family law section winter meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. His legal experience focuses on family law, divorce, custody, support and DUI.
James Doelling, N’88, was promoted to associate chief nurse at VA Boston HCS.

Lawrence E. Moore, A’88, GLPA’08, was hired by Babst Calland as director of government relations. Previously, he was with Butler Health System as a senior project manager, facilities planning and as manager of facilities and property planning.

1990s

Mary Ann Tobin, A’92, Ph.D.’06, is director of teaching and learning at Triton College in River Grove, Ill. She has published 300 Ways to Teach the Epic: Teaching Comics and Graphic Narratives: Essays on Theory, Strategy and Practice (Ed. Lan Dong, McFarland, 2012); “From Sham to Gentle Christian Man in Great Expectations” (Ed. Eugene Goodheart, Salem Press, 2009).

Dr. Cara Renzelli, A’94, GE’97, was appointed director of the Kenneth S. Ramsey, Ph.D. Research and Training Institute at Gateway Rehabilitation Center. Under her leadership, the institute “will advance knowledge, improve patient outcomes, and build expertise in the treatment of addictive diseases through innovative research and clinical training.”

Michael Grandinetti, B’99, master illusionist, brought his magic to John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville, where he performed the halftime show for the Virginia Cavaliers men’s basketball game against the Duke Blue Devils.

Jennifer Leech, B’99, MBA’05, is director of catering for the Pittsburgh Sheraton Station Square Hotel. Over the last 10 years, she has become one of the hotel’s six Sigma Green Belts. She serves on the board of the Pittsburgh chapter of Meeting Planners International, where she also serves as vice president of education. Last year, she won the Station Square Hotel’s Manager of the Year award.

Yvonne M. McKenzie, A’99, has been elected to partnership at Pepper Hamilton and is a member of the health effects litigation practice group in the Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on the defense of pharmaceutical companies in products liability and class action claims in state and federal multi-district litigation, as well as claims brought by state attorneys general for restitution of Medicaid payments, civil penalties and government investigations.

2000s

Vanessa A. Anton, CPA, B’00, was a 30 for the Future recipient, one of 30 young professionals whose talents have impacted their industries and the greater Akron region. She is a senior manager at Bober Markey Fedorovich.

Brian McNelis, Adam Hieber, Matt Helfrich and Chris Sidoni, finance and investment management graduates from 2003, visited campus in February for a panel discussion with 50 current business students. Topics ranged from the application of classroom work in daily job requirements, to the importance of financial licensures certifications, to the work/ life balance involved with business travel.

The four alumni were invited back to campus by Vashishta Bhaskar, assistant professor of finance in the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, who wanted to show current students a range of finance career paths. Hieber, a senior operations executive with Cerberus Capital Management, works to restructure companies, and McNelis, a director at PNC Capital Markets, works in debt financing. Sidoni is a director of investment research for Gibson Capital, LLC, and Helfrich is chief investment strategist with Waldron Wealth Management—both work in wealth management on behalf of individual investors.
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Scott Wible, A’00, is the author of Shaping Language Policy in the U.S.: The Role of Composition Studies, published by Southern Illinois University Press. He is an associate professor of English and director of the professional writing program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Erica Krings Livingston, S’02, GS’03, recently joined AK Steel as an environmental engineer at the Butler Works plant in Butler, Pa.

Mike Richwalsky, A’02, was recently promoted to senior director of creative services and eMarketing at John Carroll University. He arrived at John Carroll in 2010 as director of marketing services. He remains a Steelers, Pens and Dukes fan despite living in Cleveland.

Maureen Knechtel, HS’04, GHS’05, is the author of EKGs for the Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant (Springer Publishing Company). She is an electrophysiology physician assistant with The Wellmont Cardiovascular Associates Heart Institute in Kingsport, Tenn.

Joseph Murzyn, A’04, has joined the lobbying firm of S.R. Wojdak & Associates LP as a senior associate. Previously, he was deputy secretary of legislative affairs and has served as an aide to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett for nearly a decade.

Natalie (Dumm) Ryan, Pharm.D.’04, and her husband, Chad, have moved to Punta Gorda, Belize, to volunteer at Hillside Healthcare International. Joining them are their three children: Broderick, Angus and Declan. To follow their journey, visit www.ryanfamilymission.com.

Joseph Dax Berletic, Pharm.D.’08, became a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist in the fall of 2012.

Byron Wade, HS’08, MBA’10, was promoted from administrative director, outpatient care to administrative director, nursing services, within the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Matthew Kennel, B’10, has accepted the role of an amateur wrestler in the new Channing Tatum and Steve Carell film, FoxCatcher. He has also wrestled professionally with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and trained with the International Wrestling Cartel (IWC).

Chelsea Geyssens, B’11, has been hired as an account analyst in the employee benefits department of Henderson Brothers, Inc. She provides general account maintenance and health plan financial analyses for the firm’s strategic employee benefits clients.

Stephen Sverchek, B’11, is serving in the U.S. Peace Corps under the rural education development program in Zambia. His commitment is until April 2014, and although he has limited Internet access, he can be contacted via Facebook.

The Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board was established in 1972 to consider and investigate the conduct of any individual subject to the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. McCants Lewis’ term on the board runs through Nov. 3, 2015.

McCants Lewis teaches in the Civil Rights Clinic and focuses her scholarship on critical race theory, feminist legal theory and the application of legal storytelling in clinical legal education. She received the 2012 NAACP Pittsburgh’s Homer S. Brown Award for Legal Service and the 2012 Urban League Young Professionals of Greater Pittsburgh’s Decade of Dedication Award.

Tracey McCants Lewis, L’00, assistant director of clinical legal education and assistant clinical professor of law at Duquesne, was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to its 13-member disciplinary board.

PEEKING INTO THE PAST

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In Memoriam: John L. “Jack” Doherty

John L. “Jack” Doherty, A’60, L’66, passed away Feb. 16 at the age of 78.

For nearly 25 years, Doherty was one of Pittsburgh’s most respected criminal defense attorneys, representing a bevy of high-profile clients. Renowned for his wit, style and skill, the always-dapper Doherty was a larger-than-life figure on Grant Street, yet was also known for sharing his knowledge with younger lawyers. After hearing loss prematurely ended his courtroom career, he became the first attorney to chair the State Supreme Court’s disciplinary board for lawyers.

Doherty was a past president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, an emeritus member of Duquesne’s Alumni Board of Governors, a 1987 inductee into the Century Club of Distinguished Alumni, and the recipient of the Law School’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011.
In Memoriam: Rita M. McGinley

Longtime friend of the University Rita M. McGinley died Feb. 15 at age 95.

McGinley graduated from Braddock High School in 1936. Her family later realized great wealth as co-owners of the Pittsburgh Steelers, but she humbly served her alma mater (now Woodland Hills High School) as a teacher and guidance counselor for 45 years. The Mon Valley changed dramatically as the steel industry declined, but McGinley remained devoted to the young people she taught and counseled.

A noted philanthropist, she invested approximately $500,000 a year in a variety of social service agencies and educational institutions, including Carlow University, from which she earned her bachelor’s degree, and Duquesne. She established an endowment in support of the Nursing School’s annual Rita M. McGinley Symposium on Justice for Vulnerable Populations.

In Memoriam: Charles D. Horne


An executive with U.S. Steel for more than 30 years, he led the firm’s real estate division, which built the iconic BNY Mellon headquarters building in downtown Pittsburgh in the 1980s. He later became president of Allegheny International Real Estate Development Corp., overseeing the construction of offices, condominiums, golf courses and shopping centers nationwide. As a board member at Duquesne, he headed the committee that built the A.J. Palumbo Center.

Horne was inducted into the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne Alumni in 1980.

In Memoriam: Kristina (Trionfo) Quigley

Kristina (Trionfo) Quigley, E’07, died March 16 at age 30.

Quigley, a Maryland native, was in her second season as head coach of the Seton Hill University women’s lacrosse team. A bus carrying the team crashed along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, killing Quigley, who was six months pregnant with her second child, and the driver.

Quigley played lacrosse at Duquesne in 2002 and 2003 and was a volunteer assistant coach in 2007. She was the head lacrosse coach at Erskine College in South Carolina from 2008-2011.
In Memoriam: Charles Loch

Charles Loch, A’59, GA’61, a former chairman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at Duquesne, died on Dec. 26, 2012. He was 75.

Loch taught math at Duquesne for 42 years, and retired in 2003. He often helped tutor neighborhood children who needed help with math, and enjoyed hobbies such as gardening, golf, music and technology. He was also an avid Duquesne men’s basketball fan. He and his wife, Lois, had season tickets for most of his career at Duquesne and rarely missed a game.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters (all Duquesne alumni), and eight grandchildren.

In Memoriam: The Rev. Evaristus Mushi

The Rev. Evaristus Mushi, GE’01, died in Tanzania on Feb. 17.

A press statement from U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania Alfonso E. Lenhardt said, “The United States of America strongly condemns the senseless murder of Father Evaristus Mushi in Zanzibar on February 17. We offer sincere condolences to his family, parishioners and friends.” According to the Pittsburgh Catholic, Fr. Mushi lived in Pittsburgh for three years while studying at Duquesne, serving two local parishes and later serving two parishes in Florida before returning to Africa.

This list is provided through Duquesne's Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about an alumnus who recently passed away and is not listed, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209 or dumagazine@duq.edu so that we may update our records.
May 10, 2013
Forensic Audio and Linguistic Analysis of Insider Threats: From Watergate to Today
1-4:30 p.m.
Africa Room, Duquesne Union
Contact: 412.396.1330, wechtinstitute@duq.edu or www.duq.edu/forensics.

May 13, 2013
Duquesne Athletic Fund Golf Invitational
The Pittsburgh Field Club
Presented by UPMC Health
10 a.m. – registration
11 a.m. – lunch
noon – shotgun start
5 p.m. – reception
6 p.m. – dinner
$325 per golfer/$1,300 per foursome
Contact Bryan Colonna at 412.396.5927 or colonna770@duq.edu, or Renee Bestic at 412.396.1292 or besticr@duq.edu.

May 16, 2013
New York City Alumni and Parent Wine Tasting
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Corkbuzz Wine Studio
13 E. 13th St., New York, NY 10003
$60/person
RSVP online at www.myduquesne.duq.edu/nyc2013 or by calling 412.396.6209.

May 18, 2013
Cleveland Area Alumni and Parent Reception
Firestone Country Club, Akron, OH
6-8 p.m.
$20 per person
To RSVP, visit www.myduquesne.duq.edu or call 412.396.6209.

May 29-30, 2013
Fourth Annual Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore Summer Conference
Education as a Practice of Freedom: Continuing the Legacy 150 Years After the Emancipation Proclamation
Power Center, Duquesne Campus
For questions or to RSVP, contact Melissa Price at pricem@duq.edu or 412.396.1852.

June 17, 2013
School of Business Golf Outing
Rolling Hills Country Club
McMurray, PA
More details and registration information can be obtained through Mary Lou Grasser at 412.396.4701 or grasser@duq.edu.

June 28-29, 2013
Football Alumni Weekend
Friday, June 28
Dinner and Roast of Former Duquesne Coach Dan McCann
Power Center Ballroom
6 p.m. – reception
7 p.m. – dinner
$135 per person
Contact: Renee Bestic at 412.396.1292 or besticr@duq.edu.

Saturday, June 29
Football Golf Outing
Hickory Heights Golf Club
Bridgeville, PA
11 a.m. – registration and lunch
1 p.m. – shotgun start
6 p.m. – dinner and awards presentation
$150 per golfer, $600 per foursome, $50 dinner only
For more information, contact Coach John Rosato at 412.396.1802 or jrizzo20@aol.com.

July 16, 2013
School of Leadership Breakfast Series
Leading in a Global Environment
Power Center Ballroom West
Duquesne Campus
7:30 a.m.
Presented by Dr. Dorothy Bassett
Register online at www.duq.edu/leadershipseries.
Aug. 8, 2013
Duquesne Athletic Fund Summer Reception and Dinner
Academic Walk outside of Duquesne Union
6 p.m. Dinner
$40 per person
Meet and greet on campus with Duquesne’s athletic director, coaches and staff
Contact: Bryan Colonna at 412.396.5927 or colonna770@duq.edu, or Renee Bestic at 412.396.1292 or besticr@duq.edu.

Aug. 20, 2013
School of Leadership Breakfast Series
Navigating the Toxic Workplace
Power Center Ballroom West
Duquesne Campus
7:30 a.m.
Presented by Deborah Holland
Register online at www.duq.edu/leadershipseries.

Sept. 10, 2013
School of Leadership Breakfast Series
How Leadership Can Inspire Others to be Happier at Work
Power Center Ballroom West
Duquesne Campus
7:30 a.m.
Presented by Julie Ann Sullivan
Register online at www.duq.edu/leadershipseries.

Sept. 23, 2013
Duquesne Athletic Fund Laurel Valley Golf Invitational
Presented by Penneco Outdoor Advertising Company
Laurel Valley Golf Club, Ligonier, PA
11 a.m. – registration
11:30 a.m. – lunch
1 p.m. – shotgun start, dinner following golf (jackets required)
$1,000 per golfer/$4,000 per foursome
(a non-refundable deposit of $2,000 is required to secure your foursome)
Contact Bryan Colonna at 412.396.5927 or colonna770@duq.edu, or Renee Bestic at 412.396.1292 or besticr@duq.edu.

Sept. 25, 2013
Law Alumni Pittsburgh Reception
LeMont Restaurant
Pittsburgh, PA
5-7 p.m.
RSVP by Sept. 20 to lawalumni@duq.edu.

Oct. 11-13, 2013
Homecoming Weekend
www.myduquesne.duq.edu

Oct. 17-19, 2013
Passing the Torch: An International Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom
Contact: 412.396.1330, wechtinstitute@duq.edu or www.duq.edu/jfk.

Personal Effectiveness Webinar Series
Hosted by the School of Leadership
June 13, 2013
1 p.m. EST
Leading Organizational Change
July 31, 2013
1 p.m. EST
Project Management Leadership
Aug. 28, 2013
1 p.m. EST
Building Effective Work Relationships
Contact: www.duq.edu/leadership (navigate to Professional Development)
A new painting, depicting a beautiful sculpture located outside of the Duquesne Union, is now hanging in the Union’s Seifert Suite. The painting, *A Spiritual Moment*, was created by artist Lilli Nieland. Nieland, a member of the Duquesne University Women’s Advisory Board, has also painted portraits of former Dean Jerome Martin and distinguished alumnus Dr. Robert Gussin, F’59, G’61, H’95, and his wife, Dr. Patricia Gussin, H’02.