

Associate Dean's Message

A New Team Member

As Charles Dickens once wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I know all of us are experiencing some sort of difficulty during these tough economic times. We at Niagara are not immune to it, either. However, in true purple spirit, we are making the best of it. We are glad to inform you that all of our graduate programs are filled to capacity with quality students for this academic year.

I would like to welcome James Schell to the graduate admissions staff. James is originally from Rochester, N.Y., and graduated from Niagara in 2009 with a B.A. in political science. He also minored in criminal justice and was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, a national honor society. James is now pursuing his master's degree in criminal justice administration as well as serving as a graduate assistant in our office. For the past four years, James worked in our undergraduate admissions office leading campus tours for interested students and their families. A little secret about James is that he served as Monte (Niagara's mascot) at last year's Graduate School Open House. As the graduate recruitment assistant in our office, James will be responsible for conducting class presentations for graduating seniors, recruiting at graduate fairs, keeping statistics of our prospective student contacts, and maintaining our Web site. I am honored to have James on our staff.



James Schell and Carlos Tejada

As always, should any of you (or any one you know) like a campus tour or want to receive a graduate application, we would be glad to accommodate that request. We look forward to hearing from you.

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WNIA Good Morning Niagara!

Have you turned your radio dial to Niagara University's radio station yet? Check out WNIA, the new digital channel that broadcasts over the Internet at www.wniaradio.com. So tune in and listen to some great student radio programs and your favorite songs. This is a great way to stay in tune with Niagara!



MBA

Niagara Welcomes Three New Faculty

Niagara University's MBA program is happy to welcome three new distinguished faculty to the college:

Professor Christopher Aquino is our newest accounting faculty member. He comes with a wealth of experience, having served as the chief financial officer for Rotella Capital Management in Kirkland, Wash., for more than 10 years, as well as serving as the controller for Waste Technology Services. Aquino is a certified management accountant and holds a certification in financial management.

Dr. Anna McNab joins us from Washington State University, where she earned her Ph.D. in management information systems. Her research interests include interface design, social networking and technology acceptance. McNab will be teaching MIS and management classes.

Dr. Christopher Wright joins the faculty this fall as well. He received his Ph.D. in operations management from the University of Rochester. His research interests include revenue management and extreme event management, as well as applications of operations to emergency service agencies.

Did You Know?

EAGLE (Experience And Growth in Leadership Education), Niagara University's leader development process, offers the EAGLE Leader Master Certificate to NU graduate students. The EAGLE noncredit graduate offering is an individualized development process designed to develop the ability to lead. The process is customized to meet the particular learning goals of each student. Participants in the process receive personalized mentoring on the skills of leading and how to think as a leader. For more information about the process and how to enroll, contact the EAGLE coordinator, Mitchell Alegre, at malegre@niagara.edu. For general information about EAGLE, go to www.niagara.edu/eagleleadership.

MA-IS

MA-IS Admits Largest Class to Date

The Master of Arts — Interdisciplinary Studies program admitted 13 new students this fall, its largest class to date. Several are working full-time jobs while pursuing their degrees part time, and the students range from 2009 college graduates to those who earned their bachelor's degrees 20 years ago. The students' interests range from higher education administration to Web-based communications. One of the program's features is the ability to take courses in other graduate degree programs at Niagara University (such as MBA, criminal justice, and counseling), an option that almost every student is pursuing.

For additional information on how to self-design a 33-credit-hour master's degree, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.



*Dr. Thomas Chambers,
director of the
interdisciplinary studies
program*

**“If you can dream it,
you can do it.”**

— Walt Disney



Upcoming Events

Goood!

Come out to the new soccer field behind the Kiernan Center and support our men's soccer team! Watch Coach McGrane and his boys dazzle you with speed and finesse.

Listed below are a few of the home games for the men's 2009 season.

- Oct. 4 vs.
St. Bonaventure
- Oct. 9 vs.
Manhattan
- Oct. 11 vs.
St. Peter's
- Oct. 24 vs.
Canisius
- Oct. 30 vs.
Siena
- Nov. 1 vs.
Marist

*** Dates and times are subject to change.*

For an extended schedule, visit

www.PurpleEagles.com



Nick Lippa

Education

Graduate Students Coordinate Work Readiness Program for Adults With Special Needs



Mark Warren, Melissa Bonar, Jaclyn Rossi, and Christopher Rifenkark.

This past summer, College of Education graduate students Melissa Bonar and Jaclyn Rossi coordinated a six-week work readiness program designed to facilitate transition into community-based employment for 16 adults with developmental disabilities. The prevocational skills program made classroom, real-world and hands-on experiences available to individuals with developmental disabilities who are enrolled in prevocational and day programming at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara. The

classes were designed to facilitate transition into community-based employment and covered topics including how to present oneself professionally, communication, good work habits, accepting supervision, literacy, using technology, career exploration, and career development.

The experience gave the graduate students unique experience working with this population. "Before this opportunity, I always focused on working with children," said Bonar, currently pursuing a master's degree in special education. "However, these 16 incredible adults opened my eyes to a career option that I was completely unaware of and am now interested in."

Advanced Certificate for Teacher Leaders

The College of Education has designed an 18-graduate-credit, field-based program identifying and targeting areas that will build and support teacher leaders. The program is registered with the New York State Education Department. As more and more school districts understand, appreciate and value the transformational power of empowerment of faculty and staff, there is an ever-increasing need for teachers to become "teacher leaders."

Teacher leaders are teachers who are passionate about student success and use their leadership ability to participate directly in the creation of a dynamic professional learning community focused on student achievement.

The first cohort began this summer with 28 teachers from Niagara Falls, Lockport and Buffalo School districts. A second cohort will begin in October. For information, please e-mail mbonar@niagara.edu or call (716) 286-8309.

Criminal Justice

New Professor Joins CJ Faculty

The criminal justice department at Niagara University is glad to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Brown to its faculty. Brown teaches a course on courts as well as a course that focuses on punishments and corrections. Prior to her employment at Niagara University,

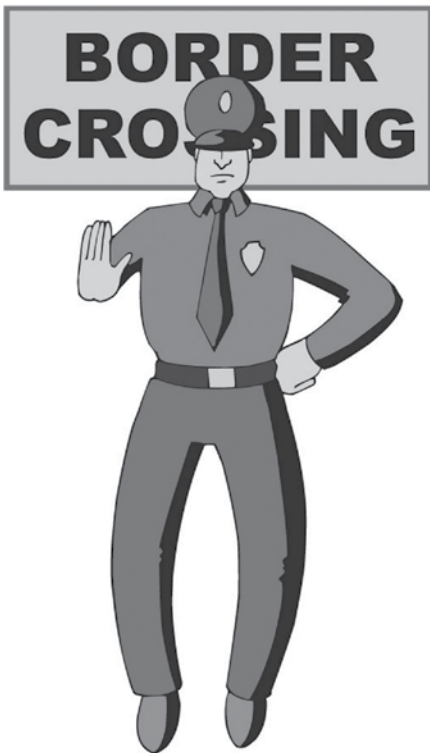
Brown received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Tufts University in Boston. As an undergraduate student, she became interested in the field of criminal justice after taking a course on the psychology of violence, and soon became interested in topics such as prisons and criminal behavior. Upon graduating from Tufts in 2000, Brown continued her education at University of Albany, receiving her Ph.D. in criminal justice in May 2009.

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New Border Crossing Regulations in Effect



Effective this summer (June 2009), the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, a federal law, requires all citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean to present one of the following forms of identification at U.S. land and sea border crossing between the same territories:

Enhanced Driver's License: Valid for land/sea borders; not valid for any international air travel.

Passport Book (traditional style): Valid for land/sea borders; required for all international air travel.

Passport card (wallet-size card): Valid for land/sea borders; not valid for any international air travel.

NEXUS: Designed to expedite border clearance for low-risk, preapproved travelers into Canada and the United States.

For further information, visit www.GetYouHome.gov.

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