

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

FEATURES

Those interested in language, literature, artistic expression and critical thinking will fit in well in the English Department. At Huntington University, the size of classes as well as the mission of the college allow for considerable individual interaction between faculty and students.

Huntington University awards the Bachelor of Arts degree (for general preparation and as a foundation for graduate study) and the Bachelor of Science in education degree (to prepare for teaching).

Those who become English majors commit themselves to substantial reading, to ongoing dialogue with other thinkers and to excellence in writing.

As an English major at Huntington University, students study American, British and European literature. Lively discussions make the readings come alive. Students also work closely with faculty on writing projects, including the publication of *Ictus*, the college's literary magazine.

A local chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society recognizes outstanding English majors.

BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE

Professor. Writer. Wife. Mother. Amy (Smith) Reeves juggles these roles on a daily basis. As a Ph.D. candidate, she strives to complete her dissertation and teach engaging literature courses. As a writer, she pursues publication in scholarly journals. As a wife and mother, she seeks balance between career and family.

A 2001 Huntington University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history, Amy believes her baccalaureate education gave her a solid foundation for further study.

"I felt very prepared during my first semester at graduate school," she says. "I was scared to death that everyone in my classes would know more than me but that wasn't the case."

Amy credits her English and history professors with strengthening her research and writing skills. Specifically, she acknowledges Dr. Paul Michelson, distinguished professor of history, for teaching her how to research both primary and secondary sources. She says Dr. Del Doughty, professor of English, assisted her with applying literary theory to her papers.

"This turned out to be invaluable when I came to graduate school," Amy says. "All of my professors at Huntington University showed me in various ways what it means to be an excellent professor. They were all great role models in terms of teaching me how to be both compassionate and professional."

Having the opportunity to get to know professors on a personal level changed Amy's perception of what a professor is and confirmed her desire to pursue teaching.

"Many times, professors would have our class over to their houses to visit, watch a movie, or have discussions," Amy says. "This reinforced my dream to become a professor as it showed me that I don't have to be locked in an office writing all the time but that I can be a mentor, personally involved with students who love literature. Because of my experience at Huntington University, even though I'm currently working for a large university, I try to have drop-ins at my house once a semester for my students—this way I can get to know them more personally."

Huntington University faculty not only encouraged Amy's academic prowess but also her spiritual growth. In one of her



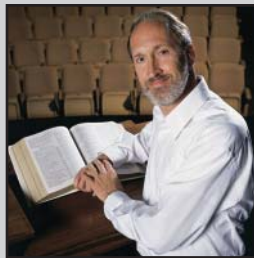
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classes, she wrote a paper defining and describing her worldview.

"Doing this, actually thinking through what I believed as I wrote, helped to solidify my perspective as a Christian academic," she says. "The classes at Huntington University helped me solidify my Christian worldview through providing me with a Christian perspective in all of my studies. The emphasis on a Christian worldview helped me to understand how faith and learning can interact."

Experiences also broadened Amy's worldview. She worked as an intern at the Olive Branch Mission in Chicago, a Christ-centered ministry committed to the development and restoration of individuals, families and communities. As part of her internship, she served as an ESL teacher for World Relief, an organization that equips churches and communities to help victims of war, poverty and persecution.

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, professor of Bible and religion, recently reviewed a collection of essays published by T & T Clark (London) titled “History and Exegesis” and edited by Sang-Won Son.

This has appeared in the Review of Biblical Literature, the book review division of the Society of Biblical Literature. The six-page review may be viewed at www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=5226.

• On Oct. 23, **Dr. Patrick Eggleton**, associate professor of mathematics education, along with four Huntington University mathematics education majors (**Molly Andrews, Emily Holliday, Eric Throne, and Kristi Wieckert**) attended the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ annual conference held in Indianapolis. During one of the sessions at the conference Eggleton, along with colleagues from the Indiana Department of Education and Ball State University, reported on the outcomes of

two years of research regarding the new end-of-course assessment required of algebra students in Indiana’s public schools. The Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics provides a professional community for the state’s math educators to explore issues and provide professional development opportunities. Eggleton served as president to the council from 2002 to 2004.

• On Sept. 20-23, a group of 11 HU history majors (**Arika Bowles, Wes Byler, Ben Decker, Christianne Gates, Brandon Harnish, Jessica Holloper, Elizabeth Holtrop, Mathew Kendig, Micah Kunze, Brad McDaniel, and Naomi Woods**) accompanied by the history faculty (**Dr. Dwight Brautigam, Dr. Bill VanDoodeward, Dr. Paul Michelson, and Dr. Jeff Webb**), attended the 25th fall meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, held at Oklahoma Baptist University. Brautigam and Webb chaired panels on “Reformation Founding Fathers: What They Really Believed” and “Cross Culture: Contesting Norms in Contemporary Christianity.” At the professional conference, Michelson chaired and participated in a roundtable discussion on “The Education of Historians for the Twenty-First Century,” and

Brautigam and Webb chaired sessions on “Philip Schaff and Church Historians” and “Christian Faith and Intellectually Rigorous High School History Instruction.” **Dr. Gary House**, of the HU Graduate School of Christian Ministries, gave a paper on “Jeremiah Lanphier and the Layman’s Prayer Revival: The Event of the Century.” Brautigam and Michelson also participated in the fall board meeting of the CFH at OBU in their capacities as treasurer and secretary of the organization.

• Huntington University social work students and faculty attended the 56th Convention and Training Conference for the North American Association of Christians in Social Work held in Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 26-27. **Prof. Carla MacDonald**, assistant professor of social work, and **Prof. Twyla Lee**, associate professor of social work, attended the conference, along with the six senior social work majors who will be the first to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Huntington University. Those seniors include **Diana Hochstetler, Emily Risser, Chynna Wright, Sheena Sharpe, Beverly Rutan and Kimberly Kilander**.

WANTED: Spanish educator

Huntington University invites applications to fill a tenure-track position for a generalist in Spanish. The successful applicant must be able to teach courses at all levels of Spanish language, literature and Spanish culture and, further, to develop new programs in Spanish and Spanish education.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Spanish or related field
- Native or near native fluency
- Evidence of ability to teach effectively within a liberal arts program
- Expertise in using educational technology in instruction
- Understanding of the mission and culture of a Christian liberal arts university
- Christian commitment consistent with University’s Statement of Faith

Huntington University application form may be found at www.huntington.edu/dean.

HUNTINGTON TO ADD NEW MAJORS

Spanish, Spanish education to be offered fall 2007

For the first time, Huntington University will offer majors in Spanish and Spanish education in the fall of 2007.

The majors were approved at a faculty meeting Oct 4.

“We’re developing majors in Spanish and Spanish education because students need them,” said Dr. Del Doughty, professor of English. “Both students and their families are beginning to understand that, given both the recent and longer term demographic changes across the U.S., and the impact of economic globalization, it is vital for well-educated people to attain fluency in at least one language other than English.”

In the fall of 2004, 42 people who inquired about attending Huntington University also expressed an interest in a Spanish major while 33 did so in the fall of 2005.

The Spanish education program will combine the major in Spanish with the necessary courses required for teacher certification, training students to become high school Spanish teachers.

The University believes the new majors will open doors both vocationally and personally.

“Students will receive three major benefits from studying Spanish,” Doughty said. “First, they will gain proficiency in another language, which will in turn give them a better appreciation of their own language and the way that it shapes their lives. Second, they will develop a better understanding of other cultures in the Americas and Europe. Finally, there are very practical reasons. Studying Spanish will equip students for successful employment and ministry wherever they live.”

Huntington University currently offers a minor in Spanish, which requires six credit hours on-campus and 16 credit hours through the Semester in Spain program.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Volleyball: The Foresters (26-12, 2-6) finished their regular season and conference schedules with a 31-29, 30-23, 26-30, 30-26 win at Grace College on Oct. 31. The win gave HU the seventh seed in the Mid-Central Conference Tournament.

Cross Country: The men and women's cross country teams competed in the NAIA Region VIII Championships held at Indiana Wesleyan University on Nov. 4. The Forester men placed fourth in the 12-team field, and the women finished ninth.



Raelyn Althoff and Stephanie Strong both finished second in their singles' flights at the MCC Tournament, and both went 6-2 during MCC regular season competition to earn All-Conference honors.

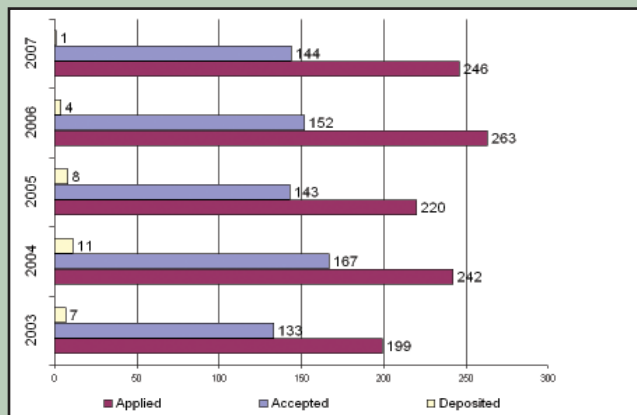
Soccer: In their final match of the season, the men's team (6-10-2) put together a solid team effort to defeat Moody Bible Institute 4-2 on Oct 24. With a loss against Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 17, the women concluded their season with a 2-14 record and a ninth place finish in the MCC with an 0-8 mark.

Tennis: The final standings from the MCC Tournament were practically identical to the team finishes in the regular season with the Foresters matching their seventh place finish with one point on Oct. 14. The MCC announced its postseason awards for tennis, and players Stephanie Strong and Raelyn Althoff as well as Coach Gary Turner appeared on the list of honorees.

Basketball: The men's team gave fans a taste of what is to come this season with a thrilling 99-96 overtime victory over Athletes in Action in an exhibition game Oct 21. The women kicked off their season Tuesday with a home game against Indiana Institute of Technology.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2007 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

During the annual Fall Phonathon, students spent six evenings calling donors for student scholarship support. A total of 1,261 pledges were received with gifts totaling approximately \$100,897. This number surpasses the 2005 Fall Phonathon by 46.7 percent. In addition, during the October Board of Trustee meeting, the campaign feasibility study as prepared by The Timothy Group was reviewed and accepted. The trustees authorized the Advancement Office to continue planning for the next comprehensive capital campaign.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Works created by Michael Spooner as part of the visual development for Walt Disney's "Treasure Planet" are being featured in Huntington University's Robert E. Wilson Gallery. Spooner describes "Treasure Planet" as the most rewarding project he worked on for the Walt Disney Company. The exhibit will run Nov. 8 through Dec. 10, and an artist reception will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the gallery, located in Huntington's Merillat Centre for the Arts.

- **Dr. Tim Elmore**, founder and president of "Growing Leaders," a non-profit organization created to develop emerging leaders, will be the featured speaker for a luncheon sponsored by the Huntington University Foundation and MarkleBank. Nov. 14 at noon in the upper level of the Habecker Dining Commons, Elmore will present "Dorothy's Way: Leadership Secrets from 'The Wizard of Oz.'" Attendance is open to the public, and the cost of the luncheon is \$10. RSVP by Nov. 13 to **Ella Burnett** at (260) 359-4069 or e-mail eburnett@huntington.edu.

- Huntington University sophomore **Katie Hursey** has been named an outstanding first-generation college student by the Independent Colleges of Indiana. Made possible by a grant to the ICI from the Lilly Endowment, "Realizing the Dream" recognizes the triumphs of first-generation students in their first year of college.

The student honorees are Indiana high school graduates who demonstrated superior academic performance during their freshman year and exhibited leadership in campus or community activities. A \$1,000 grant will be mailed to the institution to be deposited into the student's account and applied toward the cost of his/her education.

- The Huntington University Board of Trustees met Oct. 19-20 on the Huntington campus. New board members and officers were elected, among them **the Rev. Luther Whitfield, Dr. Lee Balzer, Greg Will and Justin Miller**. **Travis Holdman** returned to the board as an ex-officio member for his role as president of the Huntington University Foundation Board of Directors. Re-elected to the board were **Edward Souers, Dr. Carol Clark and Junior Geiger**.

- Huntington University's baseball team began the second year of its literacy program in area elementary and middle schools Oct. 30. In 2005, former player **Lance Chrisman**, now a vice president for Verizon, contacted head coach **Mike Frame** about the team participating in the Verizon Reads program. Since its inception in 1999, the program has raised millions of dollars toward literacy programs across the nation. Frame believes that Verizon Reads not only helps the children but also impacts his 29 players. "They see the reaction they get when

they arrive at the schools, and they know they are helping to make a difference," Frame said.

- The Joe Mertz Center of Huntington University tied together campus and community Oct. 21 during the organization's annual Fall Work Day. Since the beginning years, Fall Work Day has averaged approximately 425 volunteer hours a year. This year's 222 volunteers, up from 186 in 2005, gave 777 hours of community service. Groups went to places such as Huntington's Head Start to help out with yard work—pulling weeds and raking leaves. Another group went to the YMCA to assist with organizing and cleaning rooms. The JMC has planned and coordinated this event to plunge the residential campus into the depths of the community needs since 1996. Volunteers divide up into groups, usually by floors, and are assigned a location and a project.



Nichole Wolf, a freshman educational ministries major from Atlanta, Ind., takes donations for the Boot Shake, a fundraiser for the American Red Cross.

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10 Fort Wayne Philharmonic Pops Concert/2:30 pm	11 Semester Exams	12 Semester Exams	13 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Semester Exams	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In the second chapel of the year, I spoke to the students about their desire to serve God. I encouraged them to be eager and ready for anything that God would have them do this year.

At the end of the chapel, I prompted them to take action immediately, and I did something unusual. I gave out envelopes with cash. Most students had a dollar or two in their envelopes, but 20 had \$20 bills, two had \$50 bills, and one had a \$100 bill. I asked students to pray about how God would have them use this money to impact others.

I received some wonderful comments back from students sharing with me how God had directed them to use these resources.

- A group of men pooled their money and anonymously gave \$65 to a fellow student who was struggling to pay for books and other educational costs.

- A residence hall floor combined resources to buy blankets for Huntington area families. They said, "We know what it was like to be cold and wanted to see others warm and not so cold this winter."

- Another floor gave money to a family in Huntington that was evicted from their home. One of the parents is disabled, and the other one is only able to work part-time. The money helped to support six young children.

- One student used her \$2 to send a card to a friend who is studying overseas and was struggling with adjusting to new roommates and living conditions in Italy. The friend was considering coming home after only one week overseas and needed some encouragement.

- One student who traveled with Hands On USA to Biloxi, Miss., last year donated her \$20 to that organization for Hurricane Katrina relief and clean-up. The money will be used to feed volunteers who are helping with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

- Another student helped a friend buy gasoline which was needed to travel home to attend a former teacher's funeral.

In addition to sharing how they used the money, students also shared with me how they were impacted through their service. One woman



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

summarized what I think many felt:

"I am excited to see what God is going to do this year at HU. God has placed on my heart some unique ways of serving Him, and the women on my floor and I are ready to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to 'get the ball rolling' and encouraging us to serve."

Huntington University is blessed with great students. It is a joy to be involved in their lives.