

# Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



## MOLDING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

Huntington University's Bachelor of Science degree in business education is specifically designed for students who wish to obtain an Indiana teaching license. Reciprocity agreements between Indiana and other states help Huntington graduates find employment all across the country.

Business education majors at Huntington gain both textbook knowledge and hands-on experience. Moreover, faculty help students develop a Christian foundation for both business and teaching. The curriculum has been intentionally designed to integrate Christian perspectives and ethical considerations with classroom management and pedagogical theory. To prepare for a career teaching business, students spend many hours in actual school classrooms, observing skilled teachers and working directly with students. In addition, through the Executive-in-Residence Program, students wrestle with contemporary business issues alongside fellow students, faculty, and regional business leaders.

A 2004 Huntington University graduate, Elizabeth Hanna works as an interdisciplinary cooperative education coordinator at Columbia City High School in Columbia City, Ind. She graduated as a business education major and appreciates her college experience because she knows her Huntington professors could not have prepared her better.

"I left Huntington feeling very prepared in both the areas of education and business," Elizabeth said. "I took most of the same business classes as the business management majors, which I feel helped to give me a more thorough knowledge of business. The Education Department, as well, really prepared me for the interview process in addition to everyday in the classroom."

Elizabeth provides vocational experiences for high school students by placing them into jobs at local businesses within the community. Her responsibilities also include monitoring the students' performance and teaching a class to equip students with important work-related skills such as effective communication and human relations.

She is continually challenged with matching students, and their career goals and skills, with businesses in a way that is mutually effective. Elizabeth's most interesting challenges have come from giving students adult responsibilities and showing them how to be professional. "Oftentimes these life lessons are learned the hard way," she says.

Elizabeth also gained networking skills through various campus activities, professors, church and other activities. "Meeting so many community members helped me prepare specifically for my role as the ICE coordinator because I deal with so many local business and industry leaders of Whitley County."

After graduating from Huntington, Elizabeth went on to obtain her Vocational Endorsement from Ball State University in the summer of 2005 and completed her



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master's degree in Business Education from Ball State University in July of 2007.

The Christian atmosphere of the campus was a big draw for Elizabeth. "The strong commitment to faith that Huntington provides in all areas of campus life—classes, chapel, staff, even residence halls—allowed me to have a constant reminder of who I am, what I believe and how I should live my life," Elizabeth said. "I believe that Huntington helped me to stay on track with my faith."

Huntington's Education Department offered Elizabeth a significant experience off-campus as a student teacher in the multicultural practicum. That opportunity gave her valuable skills teaching and working with students from different cultural backgrounds. "I was able to work with two different teachers in the South Side Business Department teaching small lessons, working one-on-one with students, and observing different educational practices. It opened my eyes to cultures I previously had little experience with as well as fueling my excitement to work with high school-aged students."

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Lance Clark's** short film "Return" played at the Colony Film Festival in Marietta, Ohio, on Nov. 17. In May of 2006, Clark, associate professor of communication, directed "Return" using Huntington University film

studies students. The film was inspired by the true life story of Alejandra Gutierrez who was abducted and murdered in Indiana.

• **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, was invited to give the keynote address at an international conference on "History and Collective Memory in Southeastern Europe: Dilemmas of Political Discourse and Their Implications," sponsored by the International Free University of Moldova and the Soros-Moldova Foundation in Chisinau, Moldova, Nov. 22-23. The title of his paper was "Collective Memory, Collective Amnesia, and Post-Communism." Part of his research on this topic has been published as "Educatia civica in Europa de Est: Cateva repere," in Victor Barsan, ed.,

Educatie pentru Europa (Bucuresti, 1997); "Post-Communist Romania: A Dysfunctional Society in Transition," in Adrian-Paul Iliescu, ed., *Mentalitati si institutii*. "Carente de mentalitate si inapoiere institutionala in Romania moderna" (Bucuresti, 2002, in collaboration with Jean T. Michelson); and "Despre viitorul trecutului recent al Romaniei," *Politica externa comunista si exil anticomunist/Anuarul Institutului Roman de Istorie Recenta*, Vol. 2 (2004). Michelson has been a three-time Fulbright grantee to Romania and serves as the president of the Society for Romanian Studies.

• On Oct. 27, **Dr. Tom Bergler**, associate director of the Link Institute for Faithful and Effective Youth Ministry, taught a half-day seminar titled "Facebook or Face to Face? The Impact of Communication Technologies on Christian Family Life" to a group of parents and teenagers from The Word of Life Community in Ann Arbor, Mich.

• **Dr. Timothy Smith**, assistant professor of history, has had the following academic article published – "Resurrecting the French Empire: British Military Aid to Vietnam September 1945-June 1947." Published in the *University of Sussex Journal of Contemporary History*,

the article challenges the current historiography of the Vietnam War by disproving the notion of American neutrality in the return of French imperialism to Vietnam following World War II. The article may be found online at [www.sussex.ac.uk/history/1-4-1-1.html](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/history/1-4-1-1.html).

• **Dr. Gary House**, assistant professor of pastoral ministries, recently attended two conferences. The first was the annual conference for the American Society for Church Growth at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif., on Nov. 1-3. The theme was "Church Growth and the Real World: Leadership Successes, Failures, and the Future." House also attended the annual conference for the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, on Oct. 4-6. The theme was "Engaging the Emerging Church." House attended the National New Church Planting Conference in Orlando, Fla., on April 23-26.

• **Mrs. Jody Davenport**, instructor in physical education, attended a meeting at the Indiana Department of Education concerning the integration of adapted physical education into the physical education teacher education curriculum. Huntington University does meet the INDOE requirements for this teacher education standard.

## Meet Amber Brown Director of the Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program



Brown was a first-generation college student, having graduated from the University of Illinois and the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in southern California. Her employment background includes management, admissions, counseling, mentoring and training, skills she believes will benefit her in this new position.

"My background is diverse in itself," she said. "I'm drawing from every experience, both personal and

## DIRECTOR HIRED FOR NEW PROGRAM

### *HU, YFC partner to create more diverse campus*

Huntington University's efforts to create a more ethnically and racially diverse campus have resulted in a partnership with Youth for Christ and the joint hiring of the director for the Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program, Amber Brown.

"On the Huntington side, this program will create access for students from underrepresented populations who already are being shaped and molded and prepared for higher education," Brown said. "On the YFC side, it gives the organization access to higher education. The students will have the opportunity to volunteer part-time or even full-time with YFC."

In the fall of 2008, the first cohort of six students will enroll as part of the Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program. Brown is in the process of recruiting students, traveling to cities such as Fort Wayne, Ind.; Peoria, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; and Columbus, Ohio. Students admitted to the program will receive the Horizon Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship.

Brown began her role in September, and one of her goals was to create a task force comprised of faculty as well as staff from the university and Youth for Christ. The purposes of the task force include defining the admissions process for the Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program, choosing a selection committee for interviewing prospective students, planning leadership

activities for students, creating programming activities, and developing a leadership program for the summer. The leadership program likely will be a week-long retreat.

Each student in the Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program will receive personal attention from Brown. She plans to meet with each student weekly during the academic year.

"This also will help students integrate into the existing fabric of Huntington," Brown said. "It's important that these students have a very well-rounded experience because we're shaping and molding leaders and launching them back into the community after graduation."

Students interested in the program will need to fill out an application. Then, 15 semi-finalists will be selected to come to campus for a dinner, team-building exercises, a team debate, and an interview. From that point, six students will be selected. Brown believes having the students on campus and in person during the selection process will give insight into who they are and whether Huntington would be a good fit for them.

"We'll be able to see them and their leadership skills shine in a different way," she said.

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## Men's Basketball

A Tyler Shively trey a minute and a half into the contest gave the Foresters a 3-1 lead and they never trailed again as they routed the Fighting Saints of St. Francis 95-60. Huntington's Bengie topped all scorers in the game with 20 points, including 4-6 from behind the arc, and he dished out a game-high eight assists. Kevin Kyle finished with a double-double with 17 points and 11 boards and Doug Sheckler added 13 points. The Foresters dominated the boards finishing with a 41-29 rebounding advantage.



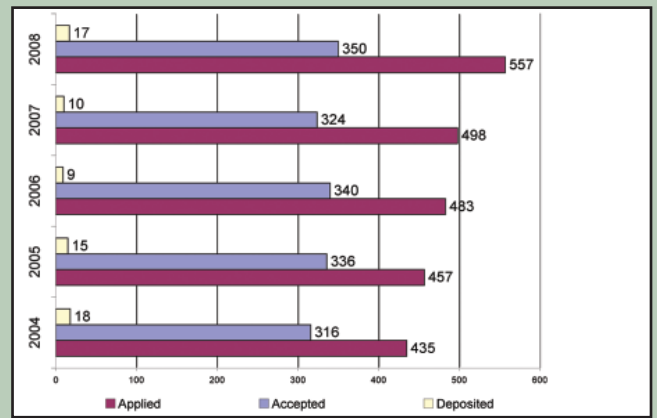
Having had an outstanding freshman season, Jenna Donaldson returned as the team's leading scorer and rebounder. The experience she gained coupled with her desire to improve and her competitive spirit are ingredients for even more success as a sophomore.

## Women's Basketball

The NAIA Division II third-ranked Cougars of St. Francis shot 61% in the second half to spoil any hopes of a Forester upset as St. Francis topped HU 66-50. HU's Jenna Donaldson took game-high honors with 17 points and 10 rebounds. She was the lone Forester to reach double figures. Lauren Davenport finished with nine points and four assists. For the game, HU managed just 33.9% shooting from the field and were 8 of 15 from the line for 53%.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit [www.huntington.edu/athletics](http://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 2008 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

# ADVANCEMENT NEWS

As expected, the Advancement staff is in the middle of the drive for calendar year-end gifts. Following a successful fall phonathon, with pledges totaling nearly \$100,000, the staff is appreciative of the support the university receives from so many friends. While the work of making a Christ-centered Huntington University education more affordable and affordable to more seemingly never ends, the Advancement staff would like to take a moment to personally thank all of you who partner with the university in helping to achieve that goal. Merry Christmas.

# AROUND CAMPUS...

- The Indiana Arts Commission will collaborate in presenting a grants workshop for individual artists residing in Region 3. The IAC's Region 3 includes Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties.

The workshop will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Huntington University Merillat Centre for the Arts, 2303 College Avenue, Huntington.

The workshop is intended for those individual artists interested in applying for the IAC's Individual Artist Program. Artists will learn tips on how to write a successful grant application and may apply for non-matching grants of up to \$2,000 from this program.

While the workshop is free of charge, advance registration is required. Those interested in participating in the workshop should contact Jan Shupert-Arick, Director of Regional Services for Arts United. Call (260) 424-0646 or e-mail [jshupert-arick@artsunited.org](mailto:jshupert-arick@artsunited.org). The registration deadline is Dec. 13.

Eligible projects may be in the areas of dance, theater, music, crafts, literature, media-arts, photography, folk and multi-arts, design, and visual arts. Applicants must be 18 years of age, must not be enrolled in high school or a degree-granting program, must be an Indiana resident for at least one year prior to application, and

plan to remain in the state of Indiana for the full grant period. Applicants may not have received an IAP grant in the previous grant cycle. All funded projects must be completed between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

Grant applications are made directly to the Indiana Arts Commission. For more information about the Individual Artist Program, visit [www.in.gov/arts](http://www.in.gov/arts).

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne is the Region 3 granting agent for the Indiana Arts Commission. As one of the IAC's 12 Regional Arts Partners, Arts United provides regional grants-making, technical assistance, cultural planning, and information and referral services to the region. On behalf of the people of Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission advocates engagement with the arts to enrich the quality of individual and community life.

- The Huntington University baseball team will host the 2007 Holiday Baseball Camp on Dec. 27-29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation. Participants may swim from noon to 12:30 p.m. The team invites boys ages 8-14 to participate. To attend the camp, participants need to complete a registration form and send it along with a payment of \$75 per child. Previous attendees and families with two or more children in the camp will receive a \$5

discount for each child. Children of Huntington University faculty and staff will be given a \$10 discount. All checks should be made payable to the Huntington University Dugout Club. Campers will receive a T-shirt and their personal hitting video. The registration deadline is Dec. 18. Parents are welcome to stay and watch during the camp. For a registration form, call Mike Frame at (260) 359-4082 or (260) 356-7491 or download the form at [www.huntington.edu/athletics/baseball/](http://www.huntington.edu/athletics/baseball/).

- Huntington University celebrated Christmas with a "Christmas Celebration," a concert by the Department of Music on Nov. 30; performances of "The Gift of the Magi" on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1; the 53rd annual Huntington performance of Handel's "Messiah" at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Dec. 2; and a performance of the Holiday Pops by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic on Dec. 9.



The Huntington University Handbell Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12 Semester Exams	13 Semester Exams Residence Halls Close	14 Christmas Break W Basketball/ 5:30 pm CST (A)	15 Christmas Break M Basketball/3 pm (H)
16 Christmas Break	17 Christmas Break	18 Christmas Break	19 Christmas Break	20 Christmas Break	21 Christmas Break M Basketball/4 pm (A)	22 Christmas Break
23 Christmas Break	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Break	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break W Basketball/ 5 pm CST (A)	28 Christmas Break W Basketball/ TBA (A)	29 Christmas Break M Basketball/3 pm (H) W Basketball/ TBA (A)
30 Christmas Break	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Christmas Break	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break M Basketball/7 pm (A) W Basketball/7 pm (H)	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break	5 Christmas Break W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
6 Christmas Break	7 Classes Begin	8	9 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am M Basketball/7 pm (H)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit <a href="http://my.huntington.edu">http://my.huntington.edu</a>.</i>		

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

This past fall, I have been discussing a book with several faculty colleagues. The book is a good catalyst for us to have meaningful interaction and, in an odd sort of way, to practice community. The book we are discussing is titled, "Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of Its Enemies." Occidentalism is defined as "the dehumanizing picture of the West painted by its enemies" (p. 5). It is the hatred of America and everything that might hint of being American. At first blush, it appears that there isn't really anything to discuss, but given the fact that faculty are trained to investigate and interrogate, there is a variety of perspectives that are shared.

Another aspect of community is the Christ-centered initiative that we have been pursuing this fall through several activities, including a series of convocations on Christ-centeredness. The Task Force on Christ-centeredness invited the Bible and Religion Department faculty to explore the topic from a variety of angles. Dr. Chaney Bergdall kicked the series off by emphasizing the centrality of the lordship of God in the Old Testament. Dr. Mark Fairchild discussed the significance of the Kingdom of God and how embracing God's Kingdom requires a transformation of our thoughts and actions. Dr. Fairchild illustrated that when you unpack many of our pursuits in life, we find out that they are in opposition to the values of the Kingdom of God. The haunting question

he asked was: Are we servants of God's Kingdom or pawns in someone else's kingdom? How are we to prosper in this world if the devil's tools are more effective? Dr. Beth Felker Jones presented some thoughts on the theology of the Kingdom of God and focused on the incarnation and God's spirit. Dr. Felker Jones stated, "Christian liberal arts education directs learning across the disciplines to the love of God and to the spirit offered freedom that lets the liberally educated person better serve Christ as Lord." Rev. Bill Fisher discussed Christian ethics and probed the question of whether an institution can be a Christ-centered, Sermon on the Mount institution that models character, conscience, and community. Dr. Edwin Woodruff Tait provided an intriguing historical analysis of how the church has sought to live out its faith in a fallen world. Dr. Woodruff Tait identified several tensions that the church has sought to resolve, but has in the process also fallen short of what God had hoped for.

As you can see from this brief description, to be Christ-centered is challenging and can be uncomfortable. But the value of such debate is healthy and positive. The faculty handbook states that "In the richness of faculty debate and exchange, strongly held and differing views may be expressed. It is understood that strength arises from diversity: *diversa non adversa*. Collegueship is an important value for the



Dr. Norris Friesen  
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

community."

The Christ-centered initiative culminates in a one-day symposium in March. Classes will be suspended for the day and the entire campus will focus on what it means to be a Christ-centered institution. There will be a host of speakers and additional workshops seeking to apply what we have learned. To be Christ-centered is not to subscribe to one specific set of beliefs, but rather to challenge each other to be obedient to God's call to seek His Kingdom and His righteousness.

Have a wonderful Christmas.