



Important Dates for Summer 2009-2010 Quarter!

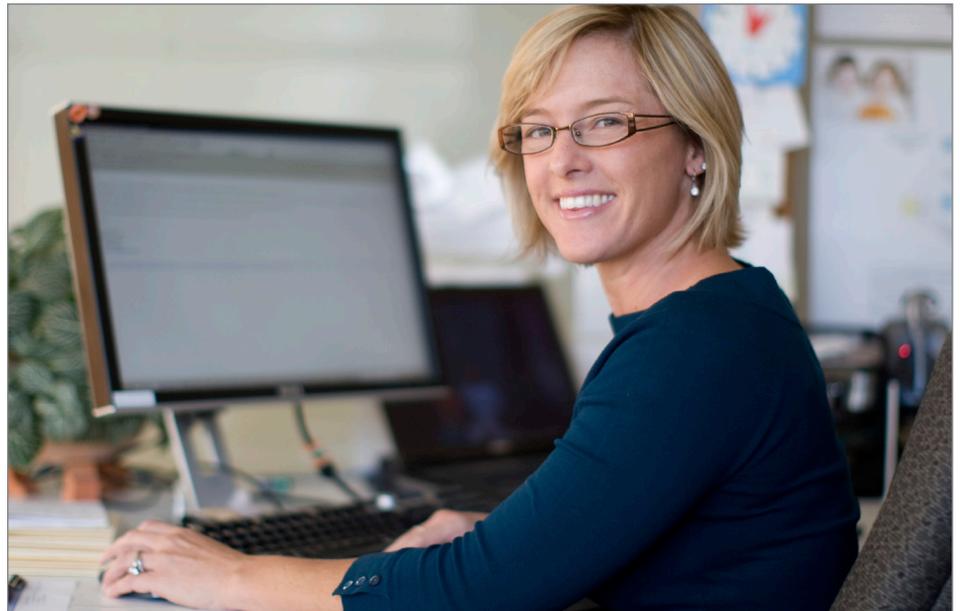
- **Monday June 14th:** Summer Classes Begin
- **Sunday June 19th:** Last day to add classes for summer quarter
- **Sunday June 26th:** Last day to drop classes with no penalty
- **Monday June 27th:** Grades of "W" assigned for classes dropped on or after this day
- **Friday August 20th:** Summer Quarter Ends

Tips From the Writing Center

Not sure how to cite sources? Want to see examples of SNL student writing? Want to hear from an SNL student who wrote ten ILPs? Want a better understanding of what you need for a passing paper and for an excellent paper? Need help getting your ideas down? For all of this, and more, check out the Writing Guide for SNL Students at <http://snl.depaul.edu/writing/index.html>.

SNL Online To Use New Course Evaluation System

Beginning in spring 2010, SNL Online will use the new DePaul University process for conducting course evaluations. That process has much faster and better reporting, so your faculty will be able to see the student feedback and use it to adjust their teaching for the next term. It also allows faculty to add specific questions, so you may see some different ones reflecting specific classes. The "look" will be different, but most of the questions will be the same. As always, we need your feedback so we can help improve the courses and instruction at SNL Online.



New Professional Writing Course

Interested in writing more effective professional documents at work? Want to test a new digital communication tool to strengthen your professional skill set? Sign yourself up for Professional Writing (DCM 330) online next winter! In addition to a focus on everyday emails, memos, and reports, Professional Writing will also focus on the professional elements of writing blogs, online profiles, and web posts. Through engaging in and reflecting upon a variety of professional writing tasks, students will learn the rhetorical theory and practice necessary for effective written communication in professional contexts. The course will be launched in Winter 2010-2011 as one of many online courses offered for the Degree Completion Major, an inter-disciplinary, collaborative effort between SNL and the College of Communication. However, the course also will be offered to all SNL students for an H-3-X or FX competence.

Career Center Workshops

The Career Center's career development workshops are designed to help you build and strengthen your career-related skills so you can make well-informed decisions and prepare for your job or internship search.

The Career Center offers over 25 free workshops throughout the year, including resume writing, interviewing skills, effective self-marketing techniques, networking, managing your career path and many more. Workshops facilitators have in-depth knowledge in the topics covered and allow you the opportunity to ask questions throughout each session.

Workshops are offered on campus as well as through teleconference. For more information, please visit: <http://careercenter.depaul.edu/student/events/workshops.aspx>

Interview with SNL Online Faculty Member Jana Berger

Tell us about your educational background and where you worked before SNL.

I'm a Michigander . . . and I've lived in the state most of my life. I attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan – the Upper Peninsula where it snows in May and classes were cancelled when it hit -40 degrees! I graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science / Pre-Law. German was my minor. From 1995 to 1998, I attended Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island. It was an extraordinary place to live and study, just about 20 minutes northwest of Newport, Rhode Island. After earning my Juris Doctorate, I returned to Michigan. I've been practicing law ever since and am currently a partner at Foley & Mansfield, P.L.L.P. I work in our Detroit office; however, I do get to our Chicago office now and again for depositions, meetings, etc.

What intrigued you most about DePaul and SNL?

My parents were both public school teachers. My older brother is a public school teacher. I guess you could say that "teaching is in my blood." Unfortunately, it's not something my busy career and other activities allows for. Thank you DePaul! The opportunity to teach in an online community has offered me the flexibility to do something I truly enjoy while continuing to remain devoted to my career as an attorney and my other interests.

Besides your work, what are your other interests?

I enjoy my time with family and friends. I'm close to my two brothers, and my nieces and nephew. I always look forward to seeing them. I love traveling – the more adventurous the better! I've taken a number of interesting trips to Romania and other Eastern European countries. I love spending time in Northern Michigan, near Traverse City, in the Summer. The sun sets, fresh air, walking wooded trails, looking for Petoskey stones, bon fires on the beach . . . I'm picturing my retirement as I write this. Ha!

Other interests: fishing, outdoor activities, competitive shooting, "spa day," wine and music.

What classes do you teach?

I teach Property Law, Policy and Everyday Implications during the Spring and Fall terms. My proposal for Workplace Law: Harassment, Discrimination and Civil Rights was accepted by DePaul. So, I'm in the process of developing this course. The plan is to launch it this Fall. I'm looking forward to teaching it!

What are some of your research interests?

Federal Indian Law / Tribal Law is an area of law I am currently practicing. It's hands-down the most fascinating area ever! There is so much history involved in researching legal issues facing Tribes. Also, the Native American culture, the



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languages. . . it's all so intriguing to me. I hope that my work in this area lends support to the sovereign rights of Tribes in this country, as well as the rich traditions, languages and cultures of these peoples.

What do you like most about working with SNL Online?

Flexibility. It's a convenient but an extremely effective way to teach and to learn.

What advice would you give to current students taking online classes?

Be very, very mindful of time management and the discipline it takes to "stay on top" of your studies. I believe it is easy to let the convenience of taking an online course to overshadow the discipline it takes to perform well when you have the flexibility to study on your own terms.

New Course: *Environmental Ethics and Sustainability*

A new experiential class, *Environmental Ethics and Sustainability*, will meet October 7-10, 2010, near Madison, Wisconsin, to study works of the important philosopher Aldo Leopold. Students will reside at Holy Wisdom Monastery, currently the world's greenest building, and visit the Leopold Legacy Center and the famous "shack" where Leopold lived and wrote. They will also tour the Crane Foundation, which works with endangered waterbirds around the world. A visit to one of America's largest farmers' markets, followed by a sustainable lunch at a Wisconsin restaurant, will provide ideas on how Leopold's philosophy can be brought into daily life.

The class will cover the A-4 and S-4 competences. In addition to tuition, a fee of \$475 (\$375 if paid before July 1) will cover accommodations, transportation during class, meals, and special guest lectures. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to Madison. Apply for admission to the instructor, Professor and Resident Faculty member Patricia Monaghan at pmonagha@depaul.edu.



Externship: Mindfulness Meditation Retreat at Starved Rock State Park

Course LL 302 will take place at Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL April 7th through April 10th 2011

Course Description: Mindfulness meditation is a gentle way of exercising your mind, body, heart and spirit. Mindfulness is the immense potential that each of us has to be fully aware of, freely engage in, and creatively respond to our daily experiences. We easily lose touch with this potential and so we constantly need to rediscover and nurture our capacity to live mindfully. Mindfulness meditation practices are simple yet powerful ways of investigating and training our minds so that we can unleash and integrate our potential for mindfulness. These practices have many benefits, such as improving health and well-being, enhancing performance in work, school and leisure activities, healing relationships, and deepening our sense

of spirituality. All the class meetings for this course will take place during a retreat at the beautiful Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center in Utica, IL (1.5 hours drive from Chicago). Starved Rock Lodge sits high atop a wooded bluff overlooking the Illinois River and is surrounded by the 2,630 acres of thick forests, 18 lush canyons and sparkling waterfalls of Starved Rock State Park, the largest state park in Illinois and one of the “Seven Wonders” of Illinois. This awesome place will provide an inspiring and restful setting for our retreat. Competencies L-10 & L-11 (4 Credit Hours),

Space is very limited for this course and you are encouraged to pre-register well in advance. You may pre-register for this after June 15th, 2010 by emailing instructor Michael Skelley at mskelley@depaul.edu.



Radio DePaul Named Best College Radio Station in the Nation

Student-run Radio DePaul recently won nine awards from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS), including the Abraham & Borst Award for Best College Station in the Nation.

The awards were announced at an IBS conference held in New York in March. A panel of professional broadcasters rated Radio DePaul as the best college radio station in the nation based on criteria such as quality of programming, service to the community, overall sound of the station, and station management and operation, says Len Mailloux, board chairman of IBS.

Radio DePaul can be heard globally via the Internet at <http://radio.depaul.edu> and also is available on iTunes radio.

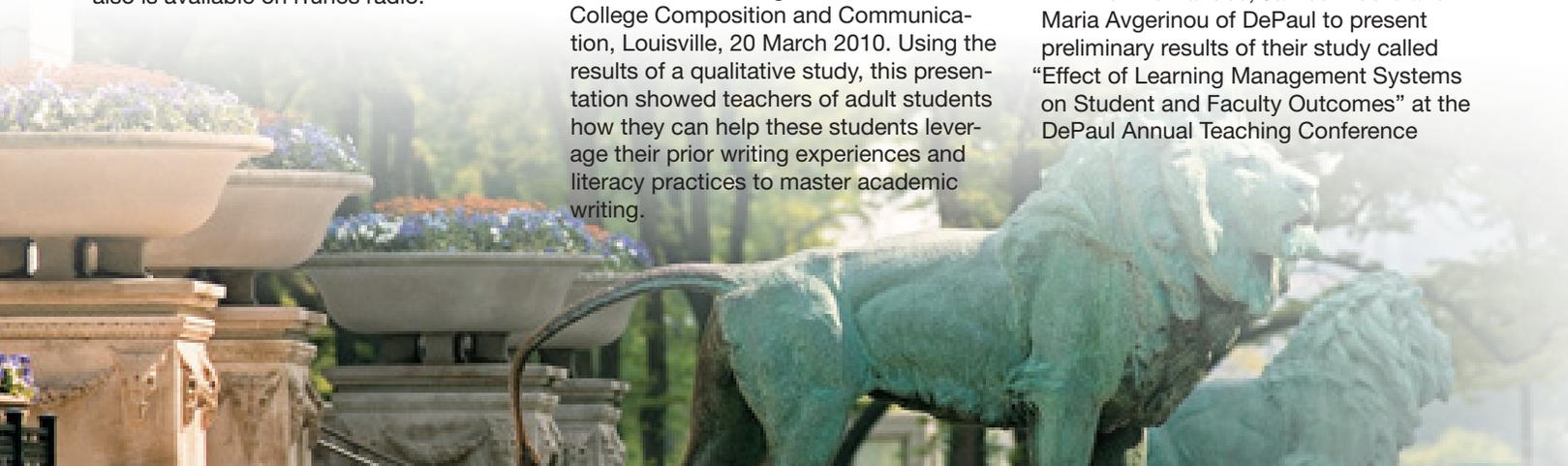
SNL Faculty Accomplishments

Kevin Downing and **Jennifer Holtz** have published the following article showing how 3D specimens can be incorporated into online science labs:

Downing, K.F., and Holtz, J.K., (In Press) “Incorporating 3D Virtual Laboratory Specimens to Enhance Online Science: Examples from Paleontology and Biology.” In *Teaching With Digital Media: Best Practices and Innovations in Higher Education*. Thomas D. Cox and Kathleen P. King Eds.: Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Michelle Navarre Cleary presented, “Old School/New School: Helping Adult Undergraduates Remix their Prior Writing Experiences and Literacy Practices to Succeed in College.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, 20 March 2010. Using the results of a qualitative study, this presentation showed teachers of adult students how they can help these students leverage their prior writing experiences and literacy practices to master academic writing.

SNL Online Director **Beth Rubin** presented three papers at academic conferences on online learning. She and James Gillespie of the University of Illinois at Chicago presented “Online Higher Education: The Struggle for Legitimacy” at the 2010 Industry Studies Conference in Chicago, while she and Susan Prentice of the University of Manitoba presented “Lessons for Canadian Universities from American Online Entrepreneurship” at the 9th Annual MADLaT (Manitoba Association for Distributed Learning and Training) international conference in Winnipeg, MB. Because both conferences were held on the same day, she presented in Manitoba via Skype. She also worked with Ron Fernandes, James Moore and Maria Avgerinou of DePaul to present preliminary results of their study called “Effect of Learning Management Systems on Student and Faculty Outcomes” at the DePaul Annual Teaching Conference



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What is your job title and what are your primary responsibilities at SNL?

Well, my business card states that I'm an interactive designer and multimedia wrangler. I wear a lot of hats. I'm responsible for the visual design of SNL Online internal and external communications, publications, tutorials, social media, and online courses. I personally develop, administer, and/or coordinate the production of graphics, podcasts, videos, wikis, and other multimedia for our online courses. I work with faculty and other instructional designers to develop and maintain new and existing courses. I also design for and oversee our department website, and work with and design for our marketing team. And I do a lot of tech support, though that's not in my "official" job description.

Besides your work, what are your other interests?

I love music, movies, theater, reading theology (when I have time, which isn't often these days), and travel. And I watch too many episodes of House Hunters.

What is your educational background and where did you work prior to coming to SNL?

I have a BA in Communication Studies from Northern Illinois University, and a post-bacc certificate and MFA in visual communications from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. I've been taking courses towards an MS in Human-Computer Interaction at DePaul for the past 2 years.

I spent most of my early adulthood (adulthood being a characterization my friends

and family might dispute) pursuing a career in music, playing drums for a series of rock bands of little renown. I was also a radio DJ and copywriter. More recently I worked for a small ad agency in River East, and taught while in grad school.

What do you like most about working at DePaul and SNL?

I love the people and the institution. Most folks here really care about their work and the welfare and success of their students. DePaul's always been a place dedicated to empowering people through education, and I see that mission embodied in our programs at SNL in general and SNL Online in particular.

What advice do you have for current SNL Online students?

Buy or get access to the best computer and fastest internet connection you can. Maybe that means you stay later at work or access your course from the library or a Starbucks, but a bad connection on a slow computer will frustrate you needlessly. We post minimum tech requirements for online students at http://www.snlonline.depaul.edu/Prospects/technical_requirements.asp.

Get into the course as soon as it becomes available, and keep engaged with your instructor and fellow students, especially in course discussions. Don't expect to drop in once a week and catch up; you need to be involved throughout the week, if only in small but regular chunks of time. Keep current and active in the course, and you give yourself the opportunity to grow and succeed.

New SNL Online Faculty Teaching in Summer

Joseph Chen is a licensed clinical psychologist and a member of the full-time faculty at the SNL. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Wheaton College and completed his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. His clinical experience includes: community mental health, juvenile corrections, and university counseling centers. His research interests include: the impact of culture on perceptions/behavior, the change process, health and wellbeing, and the influence of groups/community/systems on worldview development.

David McKellin earned his Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Michigan State University. His areas of expertise include talent management, job and organization design, organizational change management and technology integration. For over 20 years he has consulted large and small companies across the consumer products, manufacturing, telecommunications, and non-profit sectors.

Valerie Worthington holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Dartmouth College and a doctorate in educational psychology from Michigan State University. She has held positions in multiple educational settings, including non-profit organizations, traditional universities, and for-profit universities, giving her a wide variety of experiences related to educating a wide variety of students.

