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## Our Mission

The mission of the Great Lakes Colleges Association is to take actions that will help strengthen and preserve our colleges; and be a leading force on behalf of education in the tradition of the liberal arts and sciences. Rich in tradition, GLCA will continue to enhance our colleges by leading as new areas of opportunity and challenge emerge.

## FEATURE STORIES

### New Writer Award Recipient Visits Ann Arbor

In Ann Arbor the fall colors were steadily falling and littering the ground in a rainbow of earthy colors. The staff at GLCA and students at two of the local Ann Arbor high schools (Huron and Pioneer High Schools) awaited the arrival of Kevin McFadden, the 2010 winner of the GLCA New Writer's Award for Poetry. Kevin read poems from *Hardscrabble* to students at both high schools in a day long marathon, stopping only to eat lunch and share a few moments with the GLCA staff.



Kevin McFadden, 2010  
GLCA New Writer  
Poetry Winner

In those few moments, Kevin shared a profound love of words. Kevin said that "one of my high school teachers was a stickler for proper word usage and vocabulary making students work hard through repetition of those rules we all felt at that time was boring." He credits that teacher with unlocking

the power of words.

While visiting Glasgow, Scotland Kevin experienced another moment in which the magic of language unfolded for him. The difference in language and words during his time in Scotland has become the vehicle he uses to show language and word differences around the world. Word choices are made according to culture which he takes and then applies to American life, pop culture, history and recasts them into poetry.

Kevin shared that his visit to Albion was ex-

cellent. The students had already read his work and peppered him with great questions. Kevin was not surprised as he has had some experience with GLCA member schools. Kevin said he "grew up in the bleachers" watching his brothers as they played against the different schools. Kevin said it was from the bleachers and hearing his brothers talk that his idea of what college should be was defined.

Kevin had three pieces of advice for students and writers. First, he advises students to find, read and absorb the authors that you like and find them in you. Second, remember that writers are never happy with what they write as they see rewrites and more changes than their audience would. And, thirdly, this is a golden time for students to think broadly about their future because it is a magical time.



Kevin McFadden with GLCA New Writer Team  
Members Greg Wegner, Deanna Shackelford and  
Maryann Hafner (not pictured).

### Call for Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *The Beacon* is January 6, 2011. Please send submissions electronically as e-mail text or attachments to Charla White, Editor at [white@glca.org](mailto:white@glca.org). Submissions may be edited for length. Feedback and comments are always welcome.

## NEWS ABOUT GLCA SCHOOLS

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### Albion—Innovative Curriculum

Albion College's innovative curriculum includes the Foundation for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (FURSCA) which enables students to receive funding to pursue independent study in their area of interest. One student, Holly Farris (physics), continued to develop her passion for astronomy by constructing an 8" reflecting telescope with everyday household items found in a local hardware store. Along with

her interest in astronomy, she loves to build things and so using a kit was out of the question. Wanting to see the project from the inside out, Farris opted to be creative and learn the inner workings. The telescope is functional but Farris is considering seeking additional funding through FURSCA to purchase an adapter which she would link to a digital camera or filters in order to view the sun or gases emitted by stars.

### Allegheny—Richard King Mellon Foundation Awards Grant

The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded Allegheny College a \$1 million grant - \$250,000 is a challenge grant that will be awarded contingent on the college raising \$2 million from other foundations - in order to support a 19,000-square foot renovation project for environmental science and physics education in Allegheny's Carr Hall. The reno-

ventions will allow Allegheny to continue the hands-on, collaborative learning that is hallmark of their environmental science and physics departments. Furthermore, it will provide opportunities to shape curriculum, research and community outreach efforts in ways that have not been possible in the current spaces.

### Antioch—Accepting Applications and Appoints New President



Mark Roosevelt,  
Appointed Antioch  
President

Antioch is now accepting applications for the fall of 2011. The first incoming class of the new Antioch College will be limited to 25 applicants based on nominations of students who will best succeed in and benefit from an environment where learning, work and community are integrated. This incoming class will be presented with the unique opportunity to play a key role in the development of Antioch College's new program. Alumni are encouraged to participate in recruitment efforts by identifying and nominating students for admission.

1, 2011. Roosevelt holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College. He is a graduate of the Broad Urban Superintendent's Academy, an executive management program designed for educators and professionals from other fields to lead large city school systems. Roosevelt also served as a Massachusetts state representative, chairing the Education Committee, where he guided passage of the Education Reform Act of 1993, legislation providing the equitable resources and accountability measures necessary for school improvement.



Matthew Derr, GLCA  
Visiting Fellow

Mark Roosevelt, superintendent of the Pittsburgh Public Schools System, has been named president of Antioch College effective January

Matthew Derr, interim president of Antioch, will join the GLCA staff as the first Visiting Fellow.

### Denison—Working with Local Nonprofit Organizations

The student-run Venture Philanthropy Club (VPC) at Denison is working with local nonprofit organizations to promote health and wellness in Licking County, Ohio. Organizations are to respond to the request for proposals made by VPC who will then select one

community organization to receive a \$5,000 grant. The project is to be implemented during the spring of 2011. VPC will also provide volunteer labor throughout the spring of 2011 to assist with the implementation of the proposed project.

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“Trash Our Runway”  
Models

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## DePauw—Involves Local High School in ArtsFest 2010

DePauw and Greencastle High School students worked together on the eco-friendly event: “Trash our Runway” a part of “ArtsFest 2010: Art and the Green Castle.” The event was a push for people to think about fashion as not only high-end couture but also to be eco-friendly and think about things in a “trash is treasure” mentality. Fashions consisted of

“recycled” items such as dresses and clothing made of trash bags, cereal boxes and other discarded materials. According to Emily Wilson, event organizer, making it an event with the participation of the high school students was important to ensure interaction between the school and the community.

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## Earlham—Junior Addresses United Nations

Sara Amina Adem, a junior majoring in International Studies, gave testimony in early October about her experience living in Algeria, her friendship with a Sahrawi refugee, and the conflict and issues of self-determination for the Sahrawi people of Western Sahara.

Much of Adem’s inspiration to take this step is born from the idealism nurtured by her education at Earlham where principles of peace, justice and coexistence are part of the curriculum. These principles have allowed her “to envision a better world,” Adem said in a prepared statement.

Her experiences and conversations with friends led Adem to apply for the opportunity to speak at the U.N. and in late September she received the invitation. With the help of Assistant Pro-

fessor of Politics Jennifer Seely and Professor of International Studies Welling Hall, Adem prepared to make the four-day trip to New York.

Adem’s testimony describes how the Sahrawi live in refugee camps where access to basic supplies is provided by humanitarian organizations, yet conditions for the people there are worse in terms of the abuse of human rights. Adem asked the committee if the U.N. will continue to provide only humanitarian aid, or will the U.N. “scale-up to address the roots of why these people are displaced?”

Adem hopes to return and testify again before the committee as well as visiting an Algerian refugee camp.



Sara Amina Adem and  
her friend, Lamira Ali at  
the United Nations

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## Hope—World of Medicine and Research Grants

Hope College, Aquinas College and Calvin College have reached an agreement with Michigan State University College of Human Medicine to provide an enhanced opportunity for the private colleges’ premedical students to attend medical school. Preference for the Early Assurance Program will be given to deserving students and students interested in caring for underserved populations from the three institutions. “The students from these mission-oriented colleges share our core values. They bring the rigor of a superb liberal arts and science education along with a passion for serving others that is needed in the physicians of our future,” said Dr. Rappley, Dean of MSU College of Human Medicine.

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Aaron Putzke, assistant professor of biology, along with Joel Rothman of the University of California-Santa Barbara, have gained new insights into the way a protein called Fer af-

fects how cells behave. This research team’s discovery of a protein’s role in controlling whether or not cells multiply could lead to a new understanding of how to combat cancer. Fer helps prevent cells from reproducing excessively and with rampant cell growth a characteristic of cancer, the researchers hope that they have uncovered a clue researching how the disease might one day be controlled. Their findings will be reported in the “Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.”

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A highly competitive grant from NASA is supporting Peter Gonthier’s, professor of physics, research into the presence and nature of the rotating stars known as pulsars. Gonthier will lead a three-scholar team from two continents in an effort to investigate the potential relationship between positrons (an electrically charged particle) and gamma ray pulsars.



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## **Kalamazoo—Social Justice Leader**

Kalamazoo's new Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership was looking for a good leader and found it in Jaime Grant. Grant has spent 20 plus years working on women's rights and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. She earned her Ph.D. in women's studies in 1999 from the Union Institute Center for Women where she served as director from 1993 to 2000. From 2004 to

2007 she served as program director for the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World program which developed a national network of community leaders. Grant is looking forward to being back in the classroom teaching. Grant is looking forward to helping train people interested in women's rights and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues to become leaders.

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## **Kenyon—Improving Lives and Best Looking Campus**

Shining a light into the heart of darkness, a Kenyon alumna and student are improving the lives of women in countries shattered by war, social unrest, and natural disaster. Siiri Morley '00 is a founding partner of Prosperity Candle, a for-profit social business venture that initiates and supports candle-making enterprises among women in distressed areas such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Rwanda, and Haiti. Ananda Plunkett '11 joined the team this summer to work on Web development and other public relations tasks. Plunkett is the daughter of another founding partner, Amber Chand.



Siiri Morley, center

Prosperity Candle recently completed a year-long pilot project in Baghdad, where it equipped forty-four women with candle-making kits and trained them in the candle-making process. The company ensures that the women receive 20 to 25 percent of the retail price of their candles.

After graduating from Kenyon, Morley earned an M.B.A. at Brandeis University and worked with crafts businesses that aimed to empower women. She traces her interest to the interna-

tional studies major at Kenyon, in particular to the guidance of two faculty members, David Suggs of the Anthropology Department and Wendy Singer of the History Department.

Plunkett, music major, worked at her mother's firm for the first time this summer and is composing a score for a YouTube video about Prosperity Candle. "Working there this summer showed me how I could use my music for a humanitarian purpose," she said, "and opened me up to another field of interest."

To order candles or learn more about Prosperity Candle, visit <http://prosperitycandle.com>.

A panel of architects and campus designers named Kenyon as one of the best-looking campuses in the world according to Forbes.com. A panel of experts consisting of architects and campus designers said in an interview conducted by Forbes that "Kenyon isn't just a looker compared to Midwestern neighbors. It's one of the best looking campuses in the world."

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## **Ohio Wesleyan—Healthy Bishop Initiative**

Students, faculty and staff have come together to create the Healthy Bishop Initiative. This initiative is an ongoing program to study how campus resources and programs can be improved to encourage recreation, fitness, and healthy lifestyles among the OWU community. The Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs demonstrated that the student body had an overwhelming interest and concern for the health and fitness needs on campus. Four areas being studied include ecology, services, recreation and fitness, and health education. Each committee will complete an inventory of cur-



Members of Kenyon

rent conditions and practices, evaluate staffing and resources, and recommend action plans and timetables for implementation. In addition to looking at OWU, the committees are also looking at similar programs elsewhere. Significant changes being implemented already include increasing the hours of operation for the Fitness Center and bringing a speaker to campus to discuss nutrition and its correlation with athletic performance. Furthermore, the OWU Intramural sports and Recreation Program was re-evaluated over the summer.

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## Wabash—Gentlemen Helping Others

At 10:30 AM on October 9<sup>th</sup> an EMS truck went screaming down Wabash Avenue. At that time, several hundred people were participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, including a large number of cancer survivors.

The sirens and flashing lights brought great fear and anxiety to the walk's organizers. Then, when the medics parked in the drive between two fraternity houses at Wabash College, fears of a different kind came to mind. But instead of the medics arriving on the scene at a fraternity house to save a life, they came only to transport a very sick young man to the hospital; a young man whose life was saved by the smart, swift actions of his fraternity brothers. No, this situation had nothing at all to do with alcohol consumption.

Mark DePrez is a Wabash College junior and a member of Beta Theta Pi. He is also a type 1, insulin-dependent diabetic who has lived his entire life with the disease. He is also a very private person when it comes to his disease. Unless you somehow found out, you would not in any way realize that he's been attached to an insulin pump that regulates his blood sugar since he was 11 years old.

Like any mom, Mary DePrez was nervous about sending her son to college; even more nervous about sending him three hours away, on his own, with a life-threatening disease. And when Mark decided to pledge a fraternity, Mrs. DePrez could only hope that she had raised her son to make responsible decisions.

The night before, Mark DePrez started vomiting. He'd been to a local fast food restaurant and figured he must have eaten some bad mayo. Hours passed and his condition only deteriorated. His fraternity brothers stayed close to him throughout the night, checking on him, communicating with his mother, and helping him with chips of ice.

By morning Mark was worse. The five guys looking after him — Ben Burkett, Brady Hagerty, Marc Noll, John Jurkash, and John Pennington — called EMS, which ultimately saved his life.

Mark's blood sugar had risen to 1176, a potentially fatal level and the highest the medics had ever seen. Complicating matters, his blood test meter failed and his usually reliable insulin pump had a kink in it. A stomach virus, bad meter, and faulty pump almost cost Mark DePrez his life.

Those same students stayed in constant contact with Mary DePrez while she was en route from Fort Wayne, and stayed by Mark's side while he was in the local ER and later when he was transferred to Indianapolis. Two students even offered Mary access to their family's homes while Mark was hospitalized in Indianapolis. The fraternity men also contacted Mark's professors to let them know he would not be in class.

Mary DePrez wrote a long email to Wabash President Pat White and Dean of Students Mike Raters. She wrote the following: "These young men reflect all that is good in the men at Wabash," wrote Mary. "They think critically, they care about their brothers, and they react responsibly. They are polite, caring, and giving young men. They reflect well on their families and the college. I am proud to say my son goes to Wabash and is a member of Beta Theta Pi. Our son was saved by his fraternity brothers and we can never thank them enough."

Wabash fraternities have gotten some bad press in the past. It's sad that major media fail to emphasize on the great things that happen in fraternities at schools like Wabash — the lifelong relationships, the brotherhood, the trust, and the leadership development.

That same weekend members of three Wabash fraternities (Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Lambda Chi Alpha) helped set up, execute, and tear down the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event.

Fraternity guys from an all-male college, working on a cold, rainy Saturday morning to help local women raise \$23,000 for breast cancer research, support, and advocacy. Not the kind of stuff that makes headlines; just the quiet, good work done by some of the Gentlemen of Wabash.

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Wooster Cricket Game,  
Homecoming 2010

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## Wooster—School Spirit Alive and Well

Over 900 fans filled the stands to watch the Fighting Scots prevail over Wooster community team 143-141. When the College of Wooster found itself without a football opponent for Homecoming, due to a change within the North Coast Athletic Conference earlier this year, college officials were left scrambling to replace the weekend's marquee event. In addition to reviving the Homecoming parade, complete with floats and the marching band, and scheduling men's and women's soccer games, volleyball game and a concert the com-

munity decided to showcase the college's cricket club. The college's cricket club went wicket-to-wicket against members of the City of Wooster's international community. President Cornwell challenged alumni and the campus community to help break the attendance record for a U.S. collegiate cricket game, set last year by Montgomery College, which drew 400 fans to a match. With true Wooster spirit, the Wooster community rallied and beat the record with 967 fans!

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## GREEN NEWS



Bryant Arts Center  
receives LEED Gold  
Certification

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### Denison—Earns Architecture Award

Denison Arts Center Earns Architecture Award from the Ohio chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Ohio). The Bryant Arts Center received the Honor Award for Newly Completed Buildings, Additions, Remodelings, Renovations and Restorations, at a ceremony held in October in the Toledo Muse-

um of Art. The Bryant Art Center is a reconstruction and renovation of historic Cleveland Hall, circa 1904 and was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council with its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification.

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### Oberlin—Receives Federal Grant

Oberlin received a federal award to assist with advance clean energy goals along with three other communities moving towards a clean energy future and job creation. "This is merely the latest milestone in Oberlin's nationally-recognized effort to be a pioneer in the field of green energy. Oberlin is now clearly on its way to becoming a destination location for green jobs and sustainable energy," said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is a federally-owned and operated

laboratory that advances energy options to rule the American economy, strengthen national security, and improve the environment. The four communities – Oberlin, Wellington, Oak Harbor and Elmore – will partner with Oberlin College to incorporate clean energy into their electric grids and diversify their power bases with alternative energy sources. Oberlin will study solar energy feasibility and sustainable energy opportunities for the city as well as potential options for converting the college's current central heating plan to biomass or another alternative energy source.



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### Ohio Wesleyan—First Green Building

Ohio Wesleyan opened their new Meek Aquatics & Recreation Center housing a 10-lane swimming pool, 13-foot-deep diving well, and a 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards. Meeks has a geothermal energy system that heats and cools the building and a heat-recovery system that heats water for the pool. It features a reflective clay-tile room as well as recycled,

regional, and low-VOC (volatile organic chemical) building materials. OWU registered the project with the U.S. Green Building Council which reviews construction and awards LEED certification.

"The Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center continues the positive momentum occurring at



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## Ohio Wesleyan—First Green Building *continued*

all levels at Ohio Wesleyan University,” said President Rock Jones, Ph.D. “It provides a state-of-the art aquatics center for the OWU

and Delaware communities and represents the best practices in sustainable design and environmentally responsible construction.”

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## Wooster—Making Green History

The College of Wooster makes green history by installing the largest solar roof at any college in the U.S. The solar roof is a 20,000-square-foot installation that will generate 271,000 kilowatt hours per year which will be enough hours of electricity to power one of Wooster’s student residence halls. Carbon Vision will install and own the solar installation, and lease it to the college, which will purchase all the power generated for a period of 12.5 years. The company will apply for federal and state grants as well as federal tax credits to defray the costs of the installation,

and sell the renewable energy credits associated with it during the term of the lease. At the end of that term, the college will receive title to the solar installation, which has a life of up to 40 years.

Additionally, the college has signed a contract with Energy Systems Group of Newburgh, Indiana to improve the energy efficiency of 34 campus buildings reducing Wooster’s carbon footprint 36% and produce net operational savings of \$5.6 million over the course of 10 years.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## The Philadelphia Program—Fellowships

Research Fellowships for 2011-2012 are available for a full semester’s tuition remission for up to three well-qualified GLCA students looking to explore disciplinary interests at renowned research institutions. For additional information contact Mark Andrew Clark via email at [clark@tpc.edu](mailto:clark@tpc.edu) or by phone 215-735-7300 x22.

The Philadelphia Center congratulates winners of TPC’s annual Research Fellowships in Lib-

eral Arts Competition for 2010-2011. The winners are Ann McShane, Earlham College, working with Independence National Historical Park; Terrence Mooney, Kenyon College, interning with Rosenbach Museum and Library; and, Natasha Sharma, Kalamazoo College, is working at the American Philosophical Society and Museum. For additional information contact Char Vandermeer via email at [Vandermeer@tpc.edu](mailto:Vandermeer@tpc.edu) or by phone 215-735-7300 x14.

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## GLCA Faculty News

**Albion** – Roger Albertson, Biology, Aaron Miller, Physics, and Susan Conner, Provost were featured in an article on research at small institutions, “Big Thinking at Small Universities,” September 10, 2010. Article can be found at <http://www.sciencemag.org>.

Geoffrey Cocks, History, authored “The State of Health: Illness in Nazi Germany”, will be published by Oxford University Press (UK) in 2012 and presenting paper, “Die Holzauktion: Psychotherapie im Nationalsozialismus,” as the Opening Address for the Symposium, “C. G. Jung im historischen Kontext der dreissigen

Jahren: Soziale, Politische, und Professionelle Aspekte,” at the Eidgenoessische Technische Hochschule in Zurich on April 10, 2011.

Amber Cook, Theatre/Dance, photography is credited, and her costume design work is featured and credited in a book chapter about positive and negative space in “Fundamentals of Theatrical Design” written by Karen Brewster and Melissa Shafer, Allworth Press, to be released in 2012.

Helena Mesa, English, served as co-editor of “Mentor and Muse: Essays from Poets to Poets,” Southern Illinois University Press, Car-



## GLCA Faculty News *continued*

ets,” Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale, IL, August 30, 2010.

Dimeji Togunde, Anthropology/Sociology, has three refereed journal articles published/accepted for publication this semester. The first, “Homogeneous Faith, Ethnic Diversity: Desirable and Undesirable Traits in a Marital Partner in Nigeria,” *The Interdisciplinary Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations*, Volume 10 (1): 219-237. “Dating Patterns & Practices in the Era of Globalization in Nigeria” to appear in *The Global Studies Journal, Volume 3*. Last, “Beyond Money and Gifts: Social Capital as Motivation for Cross-generational Dating among Tertiary School Female Students in South West Nigeria,” to appear in *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Volume 5*.

Allegheny—Penny Frank, Public Affairs, to chair the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual University and College Designers Association Conference focusing on issues related to marketing and communication as they relate to higher education.

Wilfredo Hernandez, Spanish, delivered a paper at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference at Duquesne University in September titled “Puerto Rick drogado: Cualquier miércoles soy tuya, de Mayra Santos Febres.

Juvia Heuchert, Psychology, received the 2010 *Outstanding Service Award* from the American Psychological Associations Peace Psychology Division.

Gregory Kapfhammer, Computer Science, served as guest editor of a special section of the Journal of systems and Software and is currently reviewing research papers for the Transactions on Software Engineering (IEEE), Science of Computer Programming Journal (Elsevier), and Journal of Software Engineering and Knowledge Engineering (World Sci-

entific).

DePauw—Greg Schwipps, English, received the 2010 Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award for his book “What This River Keeps.” The award is given to a writer with only one published book.

Hope – Janice Gibbs, History, received a three-month research fellowship from the Herzog August Bibliothek of Wolfenbüttel, Germany to conduct research on Archbishop Hermann von Wied.

Chuck Green, Psychology and director of the Philip Phelps Scholars Program, was awarded the 15<sup>th</sup> annual “Faculty Appreciation Award” by the student body.

David Myers, Psychology, to receive two national honors: by the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences Foundation for his contributions to the sciences of mind, brain and behavior. Also, Myers was named the 2011 recipient of “The Award for Distinguished Service on Behalf of Social-Personality Psychology by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.”

Heather Sellers, English, authored “You Don’t Look Like Anyone I Know: A True Story of Family, Face Blindness, and Forgiveness,” published by Riverhead Books, October 2010.

Scott VanderStoep, psychology, selected by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute to participate in a year-long Senior Leadership Academy designed to prepare faculty and administrators for senior leadership positions.

Ohio Wesleyan—Jed Burt, Zoology, was elected a fellow to the International Ornithologists’ Union for his level of excellence in scientific work and involvement in promotion of Ornithology.

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### GLCA Calendar 2010-2011

December 16-17 Board Meeting

Columbus, Ohio