Celebrating 100 years of Augustana

Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges Annual Conference

June 21 - 23, 2011
Summer Solstice at Augustana!

On June 21, the sun will rise over Camrose at 5:05 am and set at 10:01 pm, for a total of 16 hours, 56 minutes and 12 seconds’ worth of sunlight. Join us in celebrating the Summer Solstice on the 53rd parallel at our Tuesday evening dinner.

Learn about the mystical import of the day, share stories or simply marvel at one of the longest, most drawn-out and beautiful sunsets you will ever see over the Western Canadian prairies.
Dear Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus, I’m honoured – you will note the Canadian spelling – to welcome participants to COPLAC’s first-ever international meeting.

You have come at the summer solstice, when the days will seem exceptionally long, especially for southerners, and at the end of a year of centennial celebrations on our campus. We are privileged to host you.

COPLAC has been an important peer organization for the University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus as we affirm and build a distinctive identity as an undergraduate liberal-arts campus within a large, research-intensive university.

Our professors have participated in faculty institutes and, this summer, the undergraduate research workshop; our students have published in Metamorphosis; and a few COPLAC colleagues have visited us for lectures and other purposes.

But our campus is also relatively remote geographically. My hope is that this year’s meetings will not only advance the ambitious objectives of the Council, but also raise its profile on our campus in ways that encourage more collaboration, across distances, around some of the high-impact learning practices that will be the focus of this year’s program.

We know you will enjoy our campus, our community and the program for this year’s meetings.

Dr. Roger Epp
Dean of Augustana Campus
Meet the Speakers

Wednesday, June 22 | 1:00 - 2:30 pm

The Digital Environment

John St.Clair is the Director of Distance and Blended Learning at the University of Mary Washington. Prior to UMW, St.Clair helped build the nationally recognized Regents Online Degree Programs, a statewide distance learning initiative involving 19 Tennessee colleges and universities and 26 technology centers. He has substantial experience in instructional design, course management systems, faculty training and support, and integration of technical systems. In addition, St.Clair has taught at university, community college, high school and junior high school levels. He has given numerous conference presentations on information technology, distance education and online learning.

Steve Greenlaw is Professor of Economics at the University of Mary Washington, where he has taught since 1982. Since 2010, he has served as Acting Director of the University Teaching Center, TeachUMW.org. For the last year, he has co-directed UMW’s Online Learning Initiative to explore the extent to which one can replicate the quality liberal arts & sciences experience in an online environment.

Jim Groom is an Instructional Technology Specialist and adjunct professor at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. He has been working for over a decade in education with a consistent focus on the development of teaching and learning in higher education. In addition to extensive experience teaching at the college level, for the past six years he has worked primarily in the field of instructional technology.

Dr. Lynn Pardie is Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost at the University of Illinois at Springfield. She is responsible for providing leadership and coordination in support of the academic mission and vision of the campus. A Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist in Illinois, Lynn has published work on stress-illness relationships, sex bias in psychological research, and sexual orientation issues. Over the course of her career at UIS, Lynn has served as Chair of the Psychology Department, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education & Research. She has been a strong contributor to important campus endeavors, including strategic planning.
curriculum and policy development, academic program review, advocacy for graduate education, faculty and staff mentoring and development, and institutional research.

Dr. Juanita Ortiz is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Illinois-Springfield. She holds bachelors’ degrees in Sociology and Political Science and a master’s and doctoral degree in Sociology, with emphases in Criminology and Stratification. Her research areas include women and crime, prisoner reentry, and recidivism.

Jay Gilliam is an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Illinois-Springfield. He received his PhD in sociology in 2006 from the University of Oklahoma. His research interests include juvenile delinquency, criminological theory, and drug abuse and drug policy.

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Undergraduate Research

Dr. Gordon Leversee is Dean of the School of Sciences and Social Sciences at Keene State College. At Keene State since 1981, he has served also as Professor of Environmental Studies and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, and has had taken on leadership roles in strategic planning, facilities master planning, general education revision, and accreditation and strengthening of undergraduate research. Community involvement includes serving as Board President for Heading for Home a regional workforce housing coalition in Keene.

Penny J. Miceli, PhD, is Director of Sponsored Projects & Research at Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire. Holding certification from the Research Administrators Certification Council, she joined Keene State College in 2008. Previously, she held both pre- and post-award administration positions at the University of Notre Dame, and also worked in research and development in the private sector.

Cynthia Farr Brown is Vice President of Academic Affairs at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Massachusetts. She worked at Lesley University from 1992 until 2009, where she started as a part-time Institutional Research Coordinator and ended up Assistant Vice President of
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National Programs. She taught courses in education, writing and history at Lesley and other Boston-area institutions. Dr. Brown is co-editor of *Lesley University: A Century of Innovation*, which will be published later in 2011.

**David Langston** teaches literature, film, and criticism at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts where he has served as director of the Honors Program, chairperson of the Commonwealth Honors Program, and coordinator of undergraduate research.

**Opportunities for Innovative Learning**

**Dr. Karsten Mündel** directs the Learning and Beyond office that supports off-campus experiential learning at the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta. His research areas include place-based learning, the social economy in rural communities, and rural sustainability. He teaches in Augustana’s Global and Development Studies program and has lead the Puebla-Alberta Community Service Exchange that placed students in rural communities in Mexico and Alberta.

**Dr. Lars K. Hallström** is the new Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities. The Centre is charged with linking the research, outreach and educational capacity of the University of Alberta with students, researchers, rural communities, rural community organizations and policy makers at multiple levels across the province, nationally, and internationally in order to support the sustainability of rural communities and populations.

A comparative political scientist and public policy researcher by training, he comes to Alberta after several years as a Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Governance at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS. His work focuses on comparative environmental policy, and particularly on the intersection of politics, science and public policy.

He is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta, with a joint appointment in the Social Science department at the Augustana Faculty and in Rural Economy in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences.

**Dittmar Mündel** is a Professor of Religious Studies and Global and Development Studies at Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta, and Associate Director for the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion.
and Public Life. He created the annual award-winning, full academic year Prairies-Mexico Rural Development Exchange and guided it for about 15 years.

**Jude Hirsch** is chair, professor and coordinator of graduate studies in the Department of Outdoor Education at Georgia College & State University where she has taught since 1996. Previous to coming to Georgia College, she taught in the recreation management program at Acadia University in Nova Scotia for nineteen years. Jude provides consultation related to risk management, assessment, and curriculum development to a wide range of national and international organizations.

**Thursday, June 23 | 9:00 - 10:00 am**

**Plenary Session**

*High Impact Experiences: Augustana Alumni Perspectives*

**Odessa Sherbaniuk**, winner of the 2011 Augustana Medal for highest academic achievement, recently graduated from Augustana with a degree in Global and Development Studies. She hopes to work with a variety of grassroots-based development projects around the world. Presenting at COPLAC has given her a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the unique “Augustana Experience” through which she was able to travel to India, live in rural Mexico, and engage in community service-learning.

This spring, **Charley Switzer** completed her third year of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology at Augustana. She has been accepted into the University of Alberta’s Medical School commencing in the fall with the goal of becoming a rural family physician. Currently she is working as an undergraduate research assistant with Dr. Sheryl Gares on a vitamin-based immunology project where she enjoys culturing cells, multichannel pipetting, and integrating her education in a hands-on experience!

**10:15 - 11:15 am**

**Concurrent Sessions on Global Education**

**Margaret Walsh** is a professor of sociology at Keene State College and director of the Honors Program. She has international experience, particularly in Latin America (Nicaragua), with interest in families and social inequalities. She integrates service-learning into her teaching and connects students...
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Susan Hangen is Associate Professor of Anthropology and International Studies at Ramapo College of NJ. Her research interests focus on Nepal and concern ethnic politics, social movements, and transnational politics in the diaspora. She has authored several books and articles including *The Rise of Ethnic Politics in Nepal: Democracy in the Margins* (Routledge, 2010). She has been one of the core faculty members on Ramapo’s Semester Abroad in South India since 2007. She is active in several community organizations and is chair of the board of Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice.

Leah Barber is a study abroad adviser at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Ga. In addition to advising students about opportunities abroad, she works with faculty to develop study abroad programs. She earned her B.A. in French from Tulane University and has recently completed a Master of Public Administration from Georgia College. Leah studied abroad in Paris for an academic year and taught English in Saint-Brieuc, France for one year.

Dr. Larry Williams is a Professor of Sociology and Director of International Education at Midwestern State University. He has been actively involved in international education since 1985. He is currently serving as the Director of a consortium of eight universities sending students to London each summer. The consortium was created in 2004 with Midwestern State and two other universities participating and with fewer than 40 students. In 2010, the consortium had grown to eight universities and over 100 students participating in eight undergraduate and graduate classes. Williams has served as Professor of Record in Sociology for over 10 years during his international tenure.

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1:45 - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions on Global Education

Rosa Maria Stoops, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Spanish and French at the University of Montevallo, and Director of the Study Abroad Program Montevallo in Spain. Her interests include French and Spanish language and literature, Spanish Literature of the Golden Age and Medieval and Renaissance French Literature. Her other pedagogical interests concern the theory of early immersion as a way to become proficient in a second language, and how to structure study abroad programs in times of hard institutional hardship.

Chip Beal, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is Diversity Coordinator and Assistant Professor of First Nations Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Chip teaches First Nations Studies courses ranging from the general education Survey of First Nations Culture to the senior research course in cross cultural research methods dealing with American Indians. Chip serves as the Diversity Coordinator at UW-Superior where his office serves the needs of American Indian, African, American, Asian American and Hispanic/Latino-American students both in a recruitment and retention capacity, as well as students, faculty, and staff of the University of Wisconsin-Superior in multicultural/disadvantaged matters. Chip is a diversity consultant and has taught diversity training seminars throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Gary Johnson is Assistant Professor of First Nation Studies in the Human Behavior, Justice and Diversity Department of the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He teaches Native Studies and Education, while his research focuses on the integration of native culture into public schools and tribal mediation.

Check out our optional excursions, scheduled for Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon!

Discover Camrose’s classic theatre, learn about one of the historic figures in our history, or take a tour of Augustana Campus.

See pages 12-14 for details!
Tuesday, 21 June
6:00 pm  Welcome Reception (Forum)
          Theme: Summer Solstice on the 53rd Parallel
7:00 pm  Dinner (Forum)

Wednesday, 22 June
8:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast (Forum)
                  Standing Committees meet separately
9:15 am - 12 noon  Business and Strategic Planning Meeting
                    (The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004)
                    Optional Excursions: See page 14.
12:00 - 1:00 pm  Lunch (Forum)
                    Presidents/Chancellors meet separately
                    (The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004)
1:00 - 2:30 pm  The Digital Environment (Faith & Life Chapel)
                  A Liberal Arts Model for Online Courses
                  (John R. St. Clair, Steve Greenlaw and Jim Groom,
                   University of Mary Washington)
                  Bringing Online Courses into the Liberal Arts Mainstream
                  (Lynn Pardie, Juanita Ortiz and Jay Gilliam,
                   University of Illinois, Springfield)
2:30 - 4:00 pm  Undergraduate Research
                    (The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004)
                    Casting a Broad Net: Diverse Research—Diverse Funding
                    (Gordon Leversee and Penny Miceli: Keene State College)
                    Implementing an UR Conference: A Day of College Wide Engagement
                    (Cindy Brown and David Langston: 
                    Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)

Opportunities for Innovative Learning
(Faith & Life Building, Room 103)
Relationship and Engagement: Learning in Rural, International
and Community Contexts (Karsten Mundel, Lars Hallström and
Hans-Dittmar Mundel: University of Alberta, Augustana)
Win-Win Collaborations: Fostering Cooperative Learning
(Jude Hirsch: Georgia College and State University)

4:00 - 4:15 pm  Break (Forum)
Annual Meeting Agenda

4:15 - 5:30 pm  Campus Update Roundtable Session (Faith & Life Chapel)
Preserving the Liberal Arts Mission in Light of Ongoing Fiscal Challenges

6:00 pm  Dinner on your own: see page 18.

Thursday, 23 June

8:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast (Forum)

9:00 - 10:00 am  Plenary Session (Faith & Life Chapel)
High Impact Experiences: Augustana Alumni Perspectives

10:15 - 11:15 am  Concurrent Sessions on Global Education
Global Engagement and the Honors Program, Chapel
(Margaret Walsh: Keene State College)
India as an Ideal Study Abroad Destination: Affordable & Innovative Strategies in Program Design and Implementation,
The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004
(Susan Hangen [presenting] and Ben Levy: Ramapo College of New Jersey)
Structuring and funding quality study abroad options for liberal learning in a global setting, Faith & Life Building, Room 103
(Leah Barber: Georgia College and State University)

11:15 - 11:30 am  Break (Forum)

11:30 - 12:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions on Global Education
The Creation and Maintenance of a Study Abroad Consortium, The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004
(Larry E. Williams: Midwestern State University)
Teaching Great Books in the Developing World, Faith & Life Building, Room 103
(Wes Kennison: SUNY-Geneseo)

12:30 - 1:30 pm  Lunch (Forum)

1:45 - 3:00 pm  Concurrent Sessions on Global Education
A Bare Bones Study Abroad Program, The Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, Forum 2-004
(Rosa Maria Stoops: University of Montevallo)
Globalization Within: Collaborations Between COPLAC American Indian Serving Institutions, Faith & Life Building, Room 103
(Chip Beal and Gary Johnson: University of Wisconsin-Superior)

3:00 - 3:15 pm  Break (Forum)

3:15 - 5:00 pm  Optional Excursions: See page 14.

6:00 - 8:00 pm  Farewell Dinner and Gift Exchange (Forum)
Optional Excursions

Wednesday, June 22 - 9:30 am

Bailey Theatre Tour
with option to end at a local coffee shop

The Bailey Theatre is an important heritage building in Camrose’s historic downtown and celebrated its centennial earlier this year. For much of the past century, the theatre was the community’s prime venue for public events, playing host to vaudeville shows, movies, theatre, political rallies, boxing matches and much else besides.

Over the past several decades, however, the nature of entertainment began to change. By the early 1990’s the Bailey Theatre could no longer compete with multi-screen cinemas and closed its doors. Its importance for the community was never lost, however, and in 1996 concerned citizens intent on its restoration formed the Bailey Theatre Society.

A number of fund-raising campaigns occurred, but the building sat dormant until 2006 when a major benefactor stepped forward with a gift of $1.75 million and a further contribution of $750,000 to match any private donations from the community. After years of construction and hardships, the Bailey re-opened its doors last month, with the exciting prospect of a second century lying ahead.

Dr. Jeremy Mouat, a history professor at Augustana, can take you on a journey through the life, death and rebirth of the Bailey, allowing you to connect with a much-loved local building that played such an important role in Camrose’s history.

Estimated duration: 1 hour
No cost

Wednesday, June 22 - 9:30 am

“China Mission: The Chester Ronning Story” Video Screening

Join Rebecca Warren of the Chester Ronning Centre to enjoy a video screening about the life of Chester Ronning, a Canadian diplomat and politician who played an important role in Augustana history.
Ronning was born in Fangcheng, China in 1894 to Norwegian Lutheran missionaries. “Until his death at the age of ninety, he was everything from a cowboy to an ambassador, a college president to a Peace River homesteader, a missionary to a member of the Alberta legislature.”

But Ronning is best remembered in international circles for his long and close relationship with China. The University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus, however, remembers Ronning as being the first Principal of Camrose Lutheran College, which would later become Augustana.

Estimated Duration: 1 hour

Wednesday, June 22 - 9:30 am

Guided Walking Tour of the Valley and First Nations Dance/Art Show

Stoney Creek, which flows north to south through the City of Camrose, produces a beautiful, lush and biodiverse valley. Over 50km of trails, both grassy and paved, provide residents and visitors access to the Stoney Creek Valley year round. If you are seeking relaxation or desire a dynamic physical workout, venture into the Valley across the road from Augustana Campus.

Plan to join us on Wednesday morning for a guided nature walk. We will gather at the main registration desk at 9:30 a.m. From there, we will explore the Stoney Creek Valley with all of our senses.

Following the walk, participants can either return to Augustana or visit the Camrose Railway Museum to enjoy an exquisite Native Art Show and a traditional First Nation’s dance, featuring the exceptional dance group Running Thunder.

Estimated duration: 1 hour

No cost

Equipment: Rain or shine, please dress for the weather. Closed footwear is preferable but not mandatory. Feel free to bring binoculars or a field guide!

Ability: Variable terrain. Pace will be based on the group’s needs and interests.

Thursday, June 23 - 3:30 pm

“China Mission: The Chester Ronning Story” Video Screening - repeat showing
Optional Excursions

Thursday, June 23 - 3:30 pm

Local Cooking with Tracy

Rooted in the 2009 campus theme, *From Field to Fork*, Augustana’s passion for understanding the importance of locally sourced food and rural food producers became a part of the University’s sustainability vision. The campus provided students with local food meals several times per year and the students gained an understanding of and appreciation for the future of local farmers.

The first organized event was a ‘Local Lunch’ held in the cafeteria, which hosted a variety of locally sourced food from farms surrounding Camrose. An absolute success, it was clear that ‘Local Lunch’ was at Augustana to stay. Now a semi-regular part of our cafeteria menu, ‘Local Lunches’ have become a cherished event on campus. They are always remembered as being “one of the best lunches” anyone has had.

Today, our campus would like to share with you our passion for locally-sourced food by inviting you to join Tracy Hilgartner at The Grill to learn how to make delicious dishes using locally sourced foods.

Estimated Duration: 30 minutes

No cost

Thursday, June 23 - 3:30 pm

Campus History Tour

The history of Augustana plays an intrinsic role in the vision that the University has for its future. First named Camrose Lutheran College (CLC), the institution opened its doors to students in 1910 as an initiative from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. J.P Tandberg, the man responsible for beginning this legacy helped Augustana to become the internationally renowned University that it is today.

2011 marks Augustana’s 100th year as an academic institution. This past year has been filled with exciting events that celebrated our University’s past and prospects for the future. Augustana is pleased to offer our Campus History Tour to you, with stories from biology professor David “Doc” Larson about our past, as well as amazing steps forward that Augustana has taken since 1910, including our many green initiatives and sustainability features on campus.
Some local restaurants:
Scallywag’s
4919 - 47 Street
1.780.672.1155

Monte Carlo
4907 - 48 avenue
1.780.672.1040

Norsemen Inn:
cafe, lounge and brewery
6505 - 48 avenue
1.780.672.9171

O’Sheas Eatery and Ale House
4706 - 73st
1.780.679.0223

Local coffee shops:
Fiona’s Coffee
(Serves light fare)
4968 - 50 street
1.780.672.1155

Merchants tea house
(Serves light fare)
4857-50 street
1.780.679.0057

Taxi Services:
Lakeside Taxi
780.672.5454
Eastview Taxi
780.679.6216

GET FIT...FOR YOU!!!

The Augustana Fitness Centre, located in the Edgeworth Centre, welcomes you!

As a COPLAC Conference Attendee, just show your ID and you will have free access to the Fitness Centre, running track and lane swimming at the Camrose Aquatic Centre!

Hours of Operation
Mon - Thurs  6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday  6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Please bring indoor running shoes and gym strip (no jeans please).

Lockers are available. Bring your own lock or rent a lock for $1.

Visit us today at 4512 - 53 St or check www.augustana.ualberta.ca/centres/fitness/
Phone: 780.608.8695
E-mail: fitnesscentre@augustana.ca

See map for directions to the Fitness Centre.

Discover Camrose, Alberta!
To the Edgeworth Centre

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Building the next 100 years...

To discuss various events and projects under way at Augustana, please find us online at www.augustana.ualberta.ca.

Sincere thanks to the Augustana Bookstore for their contributions to this year's Annual Conference.

Check out Centenary merchandise such as mittens, blankets or jackets!

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Hours
Forum Café
   Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 - 4:00 pm
Bookstore
   Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 4:30 pm
Library
   Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 4:00 pm
Fitness Centre
   Monday - Thursday, 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
   Friday, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm