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Quick Notes

- Emeritus faculty member David Lukens will be teaching Integrative Studies II at the Art Institute of Chicago this spring. For more information, please contact [David Lukens](#).
- Symposium is looking for your news! Please send announcements about your work, life, and times to [Julia Mossbridge](#).
- **Write an Essay, Win a Four-Year Scholarship to Shimer!** Shimer is hosting its second annual Montaigne scholarship competition this February 16th and 17th...[See the full story below](#).

Shimer and Kent Create Joint B.A. + J.D. Program



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Shimer has teamed up with [Chicago-Kent College of Law](#) to offer a new program for students desiring a B.A. in the Social Sciences at Shimer and a J.D. degree at Kent. While the Shimer B.A. program normally takes a full 4 years of fulltime study, students in the joint B.A./J.D. Program have the possibility of accelerating their studies in order to complete both the B.A. and the J.D. in less than the usual 7 years.

Students in the joint B.A./J.D. Program may accelerate their studies by substituting their first-year law school courses for the final 30 credits of electives which are permitted as part of the Shimer B.A. program. The B.A. degree will be awarded by Shimer upon completion of the first year of law school credit hours provided the student has fulfilled all of the other degree requirements for the B.A. degree, including all required comprehensive examinations and a Senior Thesis.

Students in the program may reasonably complete the joint program in six years, receiving the Shimer B.A. after the fourth year and their Chicago-Kent J.D. after the sixth year. Qualified Shimer students who wish to defer enrollment at Chicago-Kent until they have completed all requirements for their Shimer B.A. degree will be permitted to do so. Admission to the joint B.A./J.D. Program is based on academic ability, recommendations, personal qualities and co-curricular activities. Applicants must submit a Shimer application as well as a supplemental joint B.A./J.D. Program application by March 1 of their senior year of high school. Applications for the Great Books + Law Program will be

reviewed by admissions staff from Shimer and Chicago-Kent as well as by the Shimer College Deans Office.

Eighteen Students Head to Oxford This Fall

The following students have been approved for the 2008-2009 Shimer-in-Oxford Program, to be directed by Associate professor Stuart Patterson: Raya Carr, Gabriel Curio, Zia Deal, Lancelot Dyke, Tory Helgeson, Steven Hoppe, Rubina Isaac, Heath Iverson, Shawna Johnson, Alex Krzyminski, Michael Mason, Lila Midgett, Thomas Olczewski, William Robinson, Nicolette Stosur-Bassett, Amy Stramecki, Elizabeth Todd, and Katherine Wilhelmi.

These students, who will be juniors or seniors in Fall 2008, were chosen by the Academic Planning Committee, composed of students, faculty, and staff members, based on their academic performance and letters of application. The Shimer-in-Oxford Program will permit them to continue their Shimer studies at one of the crowning academic capitols of the world, at which they will study subjects of their choice under the tutelage of noted Oxford academics. They will also take a core Shimer course with Dr. Patterson.

Shimer Hosts the Second Annual Montaigne Scholarship Competition

Shimer will be hosting its second annual Michel De Montaigne Scholars' Competition on February 16th and 17th. Based on the quality of responses to questions about a pre-assigned reading from Montaignes work, judges will award two full-tuition and two half-tuition renewable scholarships to Shimer.

Students from over 20 states will be participating this year. The competition, designed to mirror the Shimer experience, begins before the students arrive, when they read an essay by Montaigne. This year, the essay choice is "On the Art of Conversation, an essay about the importance of dialogue and its place in the search for truth.



On the morning of the competition, students are given a question on which they write for 90 minutes. After taking a break and meeting current Shimer students and faculty, having lunch, and getting to know one another, students then join eight to ten other competitors and faculty to discuss the reading, the essay question, and their experiences in the morning's endeavor.

If someone you know might be interested in receiving a full tuition scholarship to Shimer, please send them to the [Shimer Montaigne Competition Information Web Page](#).

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