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Quick Notes

- If you're an alum outside the Chicago area who would like to host a holiday gathering of other alumni as well as current and prospective students, please contact Elaine Vincent, director of admissions, at e.vincent@shimer.edu.
- We want your reunion ideas! Please [complete the online Reunion Survey](#) or the printed version of the survey included in the Fall issue of Symposium (arriving soon).
- The Shimer Blogspot is the place to discuss Shimer with other alums as well as current students, faculty, and staff. Check it out at shimercollege.blogspot.com. To join the blog, send an email to Sara the blog moderator Sara saradevil@gmail.com.
- The *Shimer Holiday Telethon* fast approacheth! Shimer staff, faculty, board members and alums will soon be calling anyone who has not made a donation in 2007 to encourage them to donate to Shimer (also see the Every Donor Counts Challenge, below). **Dont want to get a call? Donate today via snail mail or online [click this link to our online donation page!](#)**

\$5 or \$5000: The Every Donor Counts Challenge

Never given to Shimer? Only have five bucks in pennies? It doesn't matter now's the time to support Shimer with pride!

Four members of the Shimer College Board of Trustees have joined together to issue a new challenge. The challenge is to boost the percentage of alums who give to the college, in any amount. Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, if 25% of our alums donate to the College in any amount, these board members will give \$75,000 to Shimer. 2007-2008 is the year we can truly say that every donor counts. Whether you give five dollars or five thousand, your donation brings us one alum closer to our goal of twenty-five percent alumni giving.

Ready to meet the challenge? Pop a check in the envelope provided in the Fall issue of Symposium, coming to your home soon. Want immediate gratification? You can also donate online [click this link to our online donation page](#).

October Lectures: Hiroshima Survivor, Marine Mammal Communication

On Wednesday October 24th at 6pm, in conjunction with the Religious Studies and Japanese Studies Departments at De Paul University, Shimer College is





honored to host an address by Ms. Emiko Okada, survivor of the atom bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, and Steve Leeper of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. The address will be followed by a reception for our distinguished guests. We welcome all those interested in learning about and discussing the ongoing legacy of the atomic bombing of Japan.

On Wednesday October 26th at 6pm, Dr. Jeanette Thomas will lecture on Effects of Anthropogenic Noise on Marine Mammals: A Whale of a Tale. Jeanette Thomas is a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Western Illinois University. She is editor of the journal Aquatic Mammals, has authored four books on marine mammal communication, and has research affiliations with the Shedd Aquarium, Brookfield Zoo, and Lincoln Park Zoo. She holds Ph.D. and M.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Both lectures will take place in the Cinderella Lounge at Shimer College, located on the 2nd Floor at 3424 S. State Street in Chicago, on the IIT campus. For more information or directions, please contact Stuart Patterson, Professor of Liberal Arts, at s.patterson@shimer.edu.

Have a suggestion for a speaker? Contact lecture series organizer Stuart Patterson at s.patterson@shimer.edu.

Real-world Crucible: Readings from the Red Scare

On Saturday November 10th at 7pm, Shimer College Theater is proud to present a dramatization of the Congressional hearings that inspired Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, this Fall's [One Book, One Chicago](#) selection. We will relive testimony from the likes of Albert Einstein, Lillian Hellman, Paul Robeson, Pete Seeger and Arthur Miller himself before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. These hearings tested the principles and defined the careers of a generation of activists, artists, politicians and academics.

We will also see excerpts from Edward Murrow's exposé of Senator Joseph McCarthy, the leading red-baiter of the Cold War era. Join us to relive the real world crucible of conscience that Miller's play memorializes as one dark aspect of our nation's heritage.

This production is FREE to the public, and will take place on the second floor of 3424 S. State Street in Chicago. See www.shimer.edu for directions.



Open Houses: Help Students Discover Shimer

The Admission Office will be hosting two open houses in the coming few weeks one for guidance counselors and teachers (Friday October 26), and one for students (Monday November 12). They'll both start at 9:30am and let out in the afternoon, with all the usual trappings of Shimer visits -- experiencing a class, having a look around campus, and talking to members of the Shimer community.

Alums, please spread the word to guidance counselors, teachers, and potential students. If you have friends working in high schools and community colleges who should know more about Shimer, please invite them as well, and encourage them to bring colleagues with them. Student participants can [register online by using this form](#). Students, guidance counselors and teachers can also register by calling the admissions office at (800) 215-7173.

Webmasters: Link to Shimer!

Are you a webmaster, business owner, blogger, or web editor? If so, help expand Shimer awareness by linking to our website, www.shimer.edu.

Please feel free to use the logo below, or contact our website administrator, Zachary Hamm, at z.hamm@shimer.edu to receive the URL and logo.