

BDIC

*Bachelor's
Degree with
Individual
Concentration*

Fall Newsletter 1999

Dean's List Spring 1999

**Congratulations to all of our
students on the Dean's List!**

Sarah Ahearn	Ariel LaReau
Elizabeth Ajalat	Julia Laricheva
Danielle Astrella	Corinne Levine
Melanie Beherrell	Cecilia Lim
Amy Bidne	Peter Linnard
Aaron Brandes	Joshua Lizotte
Amanda Brunell	Matthew Lucas
Charlotte Capogna	James Marchetti
Julie Chelman	John
Andrew Cole	MarcinkevichLeah
Timothy Dalton	McKeand
Tamara Davidson	Chia-te Pan
Shauna Dillard	Andrew Pasquale
Laura Donahue	Alexander Phillips
Nicola Du Plessis	Omri Porath
Danielle Ducharme	Lauren Radovich
Ariele Ebacher	Michelle Roberts
Anna Feder	James Royland
Paul Fattaruso II	Elysssa Schram
Nathan Flint	Beth Schulz
Weston Fonger	Benedict Schuman
Candice Foster	Shripal Shah
Amber French	Kirin Shamberg
Sarah Fulham	Daniel Sigel
Violet Gaynor	Pamela Smith
Danielle Girard	Julie Stanitis
Rachel Gluckstern	Avi Stein
Mari Guarino	Brook Stevens
Steven Harris	Robert Theroux
Adam Helfet Hilliker	Jason Tocci
Daniel Hildreth	Laura Toth
Matthew Hirshberg	Elizabeth Tringali
River Holmes	Sara Varvaro
Michael Jellison	Damon Waitkus
Benjamin Joplin	Rebecca Wallgren
Daniel Kapner	William Young
Jennifer Kurtz	

News From BDIC



Once again, BDIC has seen a lot of changes with the start of the fall semester. Nico Spinelli, a long-time veteran of BDIC,

who, as you know, was a faculty supervisor in the area of Natural Health and Computer Science retired from BDIC and returned to work in the Computer Science department full-time. We all miss Nico and his computer expertise, and we are very grateful to him for his many years of service to the students of BDIC.

Partly to replace Nico and also to accommodate the large increase in the BDIC population, we have hired two new faculty supervisors this fall: Paula Stamps, from the department of Community Health, and Nikki Stoia, from Music. Paula has sponsored many of our students in the holistic health and other health-related fields. Nikki, in addition to teaching in the Music department, has been a faculty advisor at Pre-Major Advising Services and an assistant dean at the Arts and Sciences Advising Center for several years.

In an attempt to improve the BDIC Junior Year Writing Program, we have hired an additional writing instructor, Mya Poe, who is a doctoral student in the English program and has extensive experience both in professional editing and teaching in the English Writing Program at Umass. Mya has already made some positive changes in the structure of the Senior Research paper class,

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which you've probably already noticed if you're in the class this semester. She has broken the class down into clusters according to areas of interest, which meet regularly throughout the semester, allowing the students an opportunity to share their projects with each other. Sometime in the spring you will all be invited to come to a Senior Research Paper open house at which students in the class will show off their projects.

In addition to the other new personnel, BDIC has several new peer advisors this fall. We actually had to increase our number of peer advisors from five to eight to accommodate BDIC's booming population! You can find out more about them in the peer advisor section of the newsletter.

Have you taken a look at the BDIC web site lately? We would welcome any feedback you might have about it since it is under construction.

Enjoy your fall semester!



Special Reminders

If you are enrolled in the Senior Research Paper class this semester, BDIC 496Y, you must submit your final paper no later than May 19 (last day of final exams). Students who do not complete their work by this date will be given incompletes and may miss the May graduation deadline if they are seniors.

If you are a senior graduating in May, 2000, the BDIC office must have your senior summary and abstract as well as any other outstanding paperwork by May 19.

Please make sure the Registrar has your accurate address and phone number so that you will receive important mailings from BDIC and other offices on campus. You can use the WISE system to doublecheck your personal information.

BDIC Peer Advisors, Fall 1999

Anna Feder advises students interested in Film/Film Studies, Communication, Art, Comparative Literature, Education, Music and Theater. She has been a peer advisor since the spring of 1999. Anna discovered BDIC in the spring of her freshman year when she first became interested in Film Studies. She is currently working on her honors senior project making a film she wrote in her freshman year.

Michael Kubo specializes in the areas of Architecture, Art, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Mathematics, and Environmental Science. Michael became a BDIC major after deciding to study architecture. He has completed a summer architecture program at Harvard as well as pursuing his studies in Israel and Los Angeles. Although Umass offers a BFA in Design, which is focused primarily on interior design, Michael wanted a stronger focus in

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architecture that would incorporate his interest in architectural history and theory. Through BDIC, Michael has been able to combine design studios at Umass with art and architectural history courses at Smith and Amherst, as well as independent study. He is currently applying to graduate architecture schools and is writing an honors thesis on the relationship between architecture and forms of social organization.

Brian Moses advises students in the following areas: Art, Management, Law, Business, Japanese, Theater, Film, English, Invention, and Animation. He is a senior at Umass and his motivation to choose BDIC derived from the fact that he's been to two prior universities where no interdisciplinary curriculums existed. Sensing potential, he transferred to Umass and has since been successful in creating his concentration, "Dimensional Invention." By incorporating concepts form within the disciplines of art, law, psychology, engineering, writing and business, he hopes to better formulate and pursue original ideas for himself as well as for existing innovative mediums.

Liza Nicoll advises students in the areas of Health, Chemistry, Nursing, and Biology. Liza's BDIC concentration focuses on Health, Science, Culture, and Medicine. Her ultimate goal is to apply her education and skills to the up and coming field of alternative medicine. She is pursuing a second degree in Biology.

Jim Royland specializes in Spanish, Latin American Studies, Political Science/International Relations, and Area Studies. He has been a BDIC peer advisor since spring, 1999. He is pursuing a B.A. in Spanish in addition to his BDIC concentration which is entitled "Diplomacy and Latin America." He is also working towards the completion of both a Latin American Studies and an International Studies certificate. While serving in the U.S. Army, Jim was stationed for three years in Panama. Mostly due to work, he has been afforded the opportunity to travel throughout Central and South America. Upon graduation, Jim hopes to attend graduate school and subsequently obtain employment as a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State.

Matt Soroka is in his first semester as a BDIC peer advisor. He advises students interested in Sports Management, Exercise Science, Nutrition, and Management. Matt's concentration is in Fitness and Sports Marketing, and he will be graduating in May, 2000. In addition to his duties at the BDIC office, he is a Resident Assistant and a member of the Crew team.

Laura Toth advises in the areas of Health, Psychology, Environmental Science, and Eating Disorders/Nutrition. Her own BDIC major focuses on Naturopathic Medicine. She plans to attend naturopathic medical school after graduation and either become part of a private medical practice or teach at the college level.

Elizabeth Tringali is an advisor in the areas of Nutrition, Sports Management, Exercise Science, Management, and Health Promotion. She is an RA and a member of the Crew team. She is looking forward to a career as a marketing consultant for fitness corporations. During spring semester, 2000, she will be interning in a position which is in her precise field of study. She will be graduating in May, 2000.

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BDIC Scholarships and Research Awards

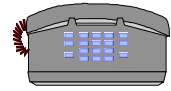


Thanks to the generous gifts of our alumni, BDIC has set up a scholarship and research fund for qualified students. If you wish to apply, please stop by the BDIC office to pick up an application. Deadlines for applications are May 15 (for Summer and Fall study/projects) and October 15 (for Spring projects).

News From BDIC 396P – The Proposal Class

Another BDIC proposal class is underway this fall with the largest enrollment ever. Students are working on a variety of proposals for fascinating concentrations in areas such as Information Systems Management; Socio Contemporary Literature; Women, Health, and the Environment; Entomology; Sport Law; and Medieval Linguistics.

Spring, 2000 Pre-Registration



Spring 2000 telephone pre-registration extends between November 10 and 23. All BDIC students must pick up a RAC code by meeting with Linda Roney in order to pre-register. Students planning to graduate in February or May, 2000 and anyone who has been notified of a credit hold need to make a personal appointment with Linda. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the BDIC office door at 608 Goodell, or if it is more convenient, you can call 545-2504 and ask to be added to the appointment list.

For those students graduating after May, 2000, there will be pre-registration advising sessions on Monday, 11/8 and Tuesday, 11/9 at 4 p.m. in 608 Goodell. It will be possible to pick up your RAC at that time. If you wish to have an individual advising appointment, you are encouraged to schedule one as well.

No RACs will be given out over the phone. The reason we have them is to ensure you the benefit of proper advising help.



Pizza Groups Series



Interested in getting together for an evening of pizza and sharing of ideas with BDIC students in your area of interest? Have you created a film or art work you would like to show? Would you be interested in doing a reading of your poetry? If so, let Linda Roney know, and she will organize an event for you and others who share your interests.

Late Adds & Withdrawals

Withdrawal period is over as of Monday, October 25. If you need to add or drop a class, please arrange to see Linda Roney in the BDIC office. All late add and drop requests must now be appealed through the deans at Pre-major Advising Services in 615 Goodell.

BDIC IS ONLINE



Have you been to BDIC's new and improved web site yet? It can be accessed at the following URL:

<http://www.umass.edu/bdic>

General program information can be found here and students can access and download most BDIC forms and handouts. Please be aware that this site is in the process of being updated by BDIC student Allan Hatta.

Congratulations to Our May and September 1999 Graduates, the last BDIC students to graduate before the new millenium!

May Graduates:

Jill F. Abrams
*Hospitality Marketing with Recreation and
Leisure Management*

Cheryl S. Alper
Public Relations with Judaic Studies

Seth C. Ayott
Film/Acting

Matthew R. Baldwin
Student Oriented Business

Rupal S. Bhinda
*Graphic Design, Advertising, Communication,
and Psychology*

Andrea L. Burdulis
*The Science of Healing and the Mind/Body
Connection*

Ross C. Burns
*Psychological Aspects of Education and
Coaching*

Charlotte Capogna
*Therapeutic Counseling and Activism Towards
Social Improvement*

Megan Cap-Renzi
Writing About American Society

Tara J. Chauvin
Fitness and Wellness Management

Tamara Davidson
Education as a Social Problem

Jodie Deignan
Pre-Music Therapy

Erika Ewald



*Dance Movement
Therapy*

Paul Fattaruso

Creative

Writing

Sarah Flynn
Media Education/Educational Technology

Julie Fontaine
Motivating Writers

Candice Foster
Exercise Science/Health and Wellness

Amber French
Linguistics and Classical Languages

Steven Gold
Social Justice

Elizabeth Gourlis
*Medical Anthropology with Sociology
Perspective*

Steven J. Harris
Language, Culture and Journalism

Adam Helfet Hilliker
Graphic Design

Daniel W. Hildreth
Music and Film

Thomas Holden
Political Philosophy

River Holmes
Comparative Religion

Christine A. Keaney
Community Development and Urban Studies

Joyce A. Kelly

BDIC Graduation List, continued

Fitness and Health Management

Sarah M. Kleinman
Family Studies

Tezlyn Y. Kraft
Creative Writing in Advertising, Promotion and Advertising

Kathryn L. Lass
Fashion Advertising

Cecelia C. Lim
Printmaking and Creative Writing

Joshua M. Lizotte
African-American Sacred Musicology

Sarah N. Matthews
Society's Effect on Child Development

Eric Martellini
The Human Being in Fitness and Sports

Eileen M. Mauro
Community Health

Kelly Maxfield
Photojournalism and Design

Dawn M. McDaniel
Advertising and Photography

Timothy D. McKeon
Creative Writing

Jessica Z. Meyer
Health Sciences/Art

Rin Moeun
Health Education

Chia-te Pan
Management Information Systems

Alexander W. Phillips
Creative Writing
Omri Porath
Urban Planning

Skye Reed
Cultural, Social and Spiritual Diversity through Education Specializing in Native America Studies

Kristin A. Richard
Marketing and Planning for Special Events

Michelle L. Roberts
Therapeutic Movement for Children

Christine Robidoux
Costume Design and History

Sarah Sawyers
Community Health Education

Elyssa A. Schram
Costume Design, Fashion History and Textiles

Beth A. Schulz
Cross Cultural Religions and Philosophy

Shripal Shah
Multimedia Productions

Kirin Shamberg
Public Relations and Business Writing

Michael W. Smith
Psychological and Multicultural Perspectives on Education

Rebecca Sozanski
Urban Studies

Julie A. Stanitis
Holistic Health in Medical Care

Nicolas Steglich
Computer Graphic Design and Animation

Avi J. Stein
Psychosocial Medicine and Public Health Care

Melissa A. Stupak
Environmental Policy and Management

BDIC Graduation List, continued



Christopher Tedesco
Scientific Internet Technology

Jennifer Tessler
*Holistic Health: Our Co-existence with the
Body, Mind and Spirit*

Robert A. Theroux
Exercise Physiology and Health Management

Aileen Tracey
Animal Science Management

Steven A. Trachtenbroit
Arts and Music Administration

Maria J. Vozella
Holistic Health

Rebecca E. Wallgren
Scientific Approach to Holistic Medicine

Sarah A. Walsh
Public Health Administration

Deirdrey Williams
Advertising Communications

Jessica D. Yoakum
Latin American and Latino Studies

September Graduates:

Matyas Benda
International Business and Trade

Amy Bidne
Creative Writing in Social Context

Andrea L. Burdulis
*The Healing Sciences and the Mind/Body
Connection*

Kathleen Cammarata
Women in Film and Theater

Brian W. Conz

Cultural Geography

Carmina Fernandes
Fashion Design and

Tanya Hannon
Education for Special

Erin Kelly
Health Care Policy and Administration

Ariel LaReau
*Representation of Culture Through Film and
Literature*

Stacy Levine
Consumerism in the Apparel Industry

Nancy S. Lin
International Marketing

Christian Loiodice
Pre-Christian Religious Thought

Joshua Sanofsky
*The Effects of Myth and Folklore on Science
Fiction and Fantasy*

Jessamyn J. Smith
Comparative Religion and Holocaust Studies

Allana Todman
Journalism/Creative Communications

Kara E. Willett
Relocating Self in Nature and Culture

Jan Yang
Multimedia Applications

Marketing

Populations