

BDIC

**Bachelor's
Degree with
Individual
Concentration**

Spring Newsletter 1999

Dean's List Fall 1998

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

Sarah Ahearn	Timothy McKeon
Isis Arnesen Pardo	Jacob Millican
Kathy Arvidson	Chia-te Pan
Caitlin Bernhard	Andrew Pasquale
Julie Bodner	Alexander Phillips
Aaron Brandes	Omri Porath
Amanda Brunell	Michelle Roberts
Charlotte Capogna	Jim Royland
Lauren Clymer	Kathleen Scanlon
Tamara Davidson	Elyssa Schram
Jodie Deignan	Beth Schulz
Marcus DeMaio	Benedict Schuman
Paul Fattarusio II	Kirin Shamberg
Anna Feder	Lydia Silva
Amber French	Becky Sozanski
Heather Gaudette	Julie Stanitis
Daniel Hildreth	Nicolas Steglich
Thomas Holden	Brook Stevens
River Holmes	Harry Swartz-Turflie
Benjamin Joplin	Jennifer Tessler
Dawn Kennedy	Rebecca Wallgren
Michael Kubo	Mark Wholey
Cecilia Lim	Kara Willett
Sarah Matthews	William Young

The Director's Corner



by José Ornelas

One of the most important events of the new academic year has been our

move to better and more spacious quarters in 608 Goodell. Besides an increase in space, the move has brought other additional benefits to the Program: we have a spectacular view of the Berkshire Mountains in the background; we have acquired new furniture and new technology; and we are closer to the Pre-major Advising Services (PAS), the agency responsible for BDIC deaning. We also have the ability to set up additional services for students in our larger quarters. We have been discussing with the Career Center Network (formerly the Mather Career Center) different forms and ways to improve the services provided to our students in the Resource Area. We are planning to have a new computer with a specific software program to enhance the job search and placement process, and which deals also with self-assessment and skills to improve self knowledge in preparing for interviews, writing cover letters and relating values, interests, and skills to a specific position. In addition, the computer will be equipped with a Graduate Program Explorer to aid BDIC students in obtaining information on graduate schools, availability of fellowships and assistantships, different fields of study, etc.

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On March 5th we had our Open House. It was a great celebration with lots of goodies and plenty of people coming to see our quarters for the first time. Many of our students were involved in many different activities that enhanced our profile and gave a lot of visibility to areas of interest for our majors: film studies, Latin American studies, fashion marketing, and alternative health. I would like to thank personally all the people involved in the many activities and I would like to single out specifically all the contributions and efforts of Linda Roney, the BDIC Coordinator, and Vickie Moreland, our secretary, for the great success of the Open House. It was a successful afternoon, but the people who coordinated the cultural and social activities deserve the credit for it.

On October 1 and October 2 of this coming year we will have an Alumni Reunion. We are planning a series of activities: receptions, presentations, lectures, dinner, breakfast and other social and cultural events. During many of these different activities BDIC students will have opportunities to interact with our alumni and other invited guests such as faculty sponsors, and heads and chairs of the many departments at the University. This, we hope, will be a great occasion to make contact and establish relationships that may enhance the career plans of our students. We are looking forward to the Alumni Reunion, and we hope that it will be beneficial to you and the Program as a whole. It is our wish that you honor the alumni and BDIC with your presence at the Reunion. Your presence at many of these activities will certainly contribute to the success of the Reunion.

Lastly, I would like to remind all of you that once again we will be offering this Fall BDIC 491A, a seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies. We will once again have many guest lecturers discussing their interdisciplinary research. Given the multi disciplinary focus of the class, and the fact that it will cover a great variety of fields by exploring the many relations between them and their interconnectedness, it should be a very exciting class. We try to make the class relevant to the work place and we will deal with issues that are at the cutting edge of market economies and globalization process as a result of advanced technologies. We look forward to seeing many of you in the class.



Pizza Groups Series



Interested in getting together for an evening of pizza and sharing of ideas with BDIC students in your area of interest? We are planning to begin the pizza groups series this spring. If you would like to help facilitate a discussion group in the area of your concentration, please contact Linda Roney at the BDIC office. (We will also invite a Career network representative to speak about career possibilities at each of the meetings.)

The first of the group series will be on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in 604 Goodell (the meeting room directly across from the BDIC office). Alex Phillips and Paul Fattaruso (BDIC '99) will be reading selections of their poetry, some of which comprised their Honors Theses. Please come to enjoy some poetry selections, particularly if your concentration is in the Arts. Feel free to bring some friends who might be interested as well.

Senior Plans After Graduation



We have some good news to share about a few of our May graduates.

Beth Schulz whose concentration is in Cross Cultural Religions and Philosophy has been accepted at Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Boston University School of Theology where she was offered a full merit scholarship.

Alex Phillips (Reading and Writing) and Paul Fattaruso (Reading, Writing, and Thinking) were both accepted into the UMass M.F.A. Poetry Writing Program. It is a highly competitive program, accepting only 25 out of 300 applicants.

Michelle Roberts (Pre-dance Therapy) has been accepted into Wheelock College's Masters degree program in Child Life.

Congratulations! We're looking forward to hearing from the rest of you.

Sign up for BDIC 491A, Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies!

Sign up for BDIC 491A if you haven't already taken it! It is a new interdisciplinary seminar course taught by a team of Faculty Supervisors from BDIC. There are many interesting outside lecturers and class discussions are the focus of the class. There will be three short papers and one longer one at the end of the semester. Students in the class are encouraged to share ideas from their own concentrations with the rest of the class.

The purpose of the class is to explore the many connections between disciplines, both in the academic setting and in the workplace.

Some examples of lectures given in 491A during the Fall, 1998 semester are:

Henry Geddes, Professor of Communications
"Naming the Media and the Maya"

Arthur Kinney, Professor of English
"Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors and the Nature of Kinds"

Chris Tedesco, BDIC student
"The Art, Science, and Business of a Web Site"

* In addition, all of the BDIC 491A classes are accessible on the Web in case you miss an occasional class! And it does count as one of your twelve BDIC classes!

You can add this class through the telephone registration system if you are interested.

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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).

Congratulations to the BDIC Students Who Received Awards During the Fall 1998 Semester

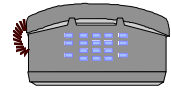
Shauna Dillard Research at Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies,
Sarnath, India

River Holmes Same as above

Leslie Nirenstein Internship with the Today Show in New York City

Levin Sibley-Schwartz Research on Afro-Cuban music

Fall, 1999 Pre-Registration



Telephone pre-registration will run between April 12 and 23. All BDIC students must pick up a RAC code by meeting with Linda Roney at BDIC in order to pre-register. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door to room 608.

May 1999 prospective graduates should also schedule an appointment with Linda Roney to make sure they have completed all the necessary requirements for graduation.



BDIC Graduation Party!

The BDIC graduation party will be held a week before the actual graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 16. We will have a brunch in 608 Goodell and will notify all of you seniors about the details later in the spring.



Late Adds & Withdrawals

Withdrawal period is over. 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.

Peer Advisors Needed

Do you enjoy being part of the BDIC Program? Would you like resumé building experience advising students and working in a friendly office setting? Could you use University credits or a little more money? If so, consider becoming a BDIC Peer Advisor. We are looking for at least three more peer advisors to begin in the fall. To learn more about working as a BDIC peer advisor, contact Linda Roney at the BDIC office.

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.

Alumni Forum



The Spring, 1999 Alumni Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 21, at 4 p.m. in Campus Center Room 904. (Refreshments will be served.) Alumni from a variety of fields will come to speak with you about their careers and how they proceeded after college. The forums are always extremely useful, not only for graduating seniors, but also for students in the midst of their BDIC programs.

The following panelists will be present for the Spring, 1999 Forum:

Rachel Kuzmeskus Roberts - Elementary School Teacher

Stanley Wiater - Author

Maryann Davis - Professor of Psychiatry

Ellen O'Brien - Boston Globe columnist

Congratulations to Our February, 1999 Graduates:

Isis Arnesen Pardo
Curriculum Development in Developing Countries

Joseph Aronson
Music Management

David Fontaine
Human Factors Engineering

Christina Gray
Group Violence in Historical Perspective

Greg Hackett
Graphic Design and Advertising

Marc Lussier
Creative Imagining

Sam Magee
Pre-Art Therapy

Sarah Matthews
Society's Effect on Child Development



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Phoebe Przyuski
Reproductive Health and Gender Theory

Christine Robidoux
Costume History and Design

Rhonda St. Peters
Political Psychology

Julie Tratnyek
Freelance Environmental Writing and Legal Studies

Mark Wholey (post grad)
Pre-Music Therapy