



Viterbo to Host Three Distinguished International Writers Oct. 15–16

Three distinguished writers-in-residence from the University of Iowa's International Writing Program will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 16.

As part of the visit, Millicent Graham of Jamaica, Alice Pung of Australia, and Fedosy Santaella of Venezuela will hold a guest reading and question and answer session at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The guest writers will also spend

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Beautiful Music



The Viterbo Concert Choir, under the direction of Jean Saladino, performed at the Founder's Day Mass in Maria Angelorum Chapel Oct. 5.

Russian University Scholar on Campus Next Week



Alex Soloviev, Ph.D.

During the week of Monday, Oct. 19–Friday, Oct. 23, the D. B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership will host Alex Soloviev, Ph.D., of Ryazan State University in Russia.

Soloviev, who is the chair of Cultural Studies in the Department of Russian Language Studies and National Culture at Ryazan State University, is an engaging speaker with widespread interests in topics ranging from popular culture, filmmaking, and social anthropology, to philosophy and spirituality.

During the week at Viterbo, he will speak to classes on several topics including the image of America in Russia, “the endless Cold War,” business ethics and social responsibility in modern Russian

society, and Russian spirituality and ethics—past and present.

He will also offer to students and faculty the opportunity to watch two movies including a documentary shot by his friend. The film *Shakhtarnberdyr*, is about Tadjik Muslims who spend a summer as migrant workers restoring an Orthodox church in rural Russia and is considered an excellent example of contemporary life in rural Russia. The other movie, *Viy*, is a brilliant example of Soviet cinematography as well as life in Russia. He has two doctorate degrees, earning the first in history from Ryazan State Pedagogical University and the other in theory and history of culture from Moscow State University of Culture and Arts.

During 1995–96, he taught Russian language and culture to high school students of Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas under the New

Independent States Teacher Exchange Program. He has also traveled all over the U.S. numerous times as an Open World Program facilitator and visiting professor. During his latest trips to the U.S. he accompanied groups of Russian writers and filmmakers.

Soloviev is a member of the Alternative Culture project of Central European University and Open Society Archives, Budapest, Hungary. He is one of the founders of the Cultural Studies Resource Center at Ryazan State University.

He is an organizer of the annual international conference Man in the World of Culture which hosts cultural studies researchers from Russia, Europe, and the U.S. at Ryazan State University and publishes their papers. Soloviev is an author of more than 40 publications including two books, *Information Society: Polyphony of Cultural Forms* (2007) and

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Strong Start for Employee Campaign

The annual Viterbo campaign is underway, and as always, the focus of the employee campaign is about participation and not the size of the gift.

“We are proud of our annual 70 percent participation rate and need to continue to meet and exceed that goal,” said Kim Hendricks, institutional advancement. “We can’t do that without the support of our administration, faculty and staff. I would like to encourage everyone to show your support of the mission and vision of Viterbo and help make a difference in the lives of our students by making a gift to the 2009–10 employee campaign.”

Contact Kim at kmbhendricks@viterbo.edu or ext. 3078 for more information.

Basketball Midnight Madness this Friday

The Viterbo community is invited to meet the 2009–10 men’s and women’s basketball teams at Midnight Madness Friday, Oct. 16 in the Varsity Athletics Center.



Doors open at 10:45 p.m. and the event begins at 11 p.m. The event will be hosted by a local radio DJ and will feature fan contests, door prizes, and shooting contests for the players. The men’s basketball team will also be selling authentic uniforms (\$15 per item or \$25 per set.)

This is a fun opportunity to show your support for the V-Hawk basketball programs.

Viterbo to Present *Room Service* Oct. 16–18



David Gardiner

Audiences will laugh out loud at the theatre department’s presentation of the classic screwball farce *Room Service* in the Fine Arts Center Main Theatre Friday, Oct. 16–Sunday, Oct. 18.

What do you get when you put an unsuccessful Broadway producer desperate to find a backer for his new show in a hotel with hungry actors and a ballooning room service bill? This hilarious production of *Room Service* is brought to life by some of Viterbo’s most talented theatre students.

Room Service was written by John Murray and Allen Boretz and opened on Broadway in 1937. Over 500 performances were staged during the depths of the Great Depression and it was later made into a Marx Brothers film. Almost 70 years after its premier, audiences across the country continue to enjoy this lively and entertaining play. This production is directed by faculty member David Gardiner.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16–17 and 2 p.m. Oct. 18. *Room Service* is part of the Bright Star Season and is sponsored by The Lukasek Family Endowment Fund.

For ticket information, contact the box office at ext. 3100 or www.viterbo.edu/fac.

Relay for Life Meeting Oct. 20

Would you like to help in the fight against cancer? Participate in the annual Relay for Life of La Crosse Colleges.

A team captain kick-off meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 in Reinhart Center 201. Everyone interested in forming a team of 10–15 participants to raise money to fight cancer is encouraged to attend.

The Relay for Life of La Crosse Colleges will be held the evening of Friday, Feb. 5 and the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Recreational Eagle Center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Math Competency Exam Nov. 5

The Math Competency Exam will be given on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 3–5 p.m. in Murphy Center 416.

Interested students should refer to the math department Web site at www.viterbo.edu/math.aspx?id=92 for details, which includes a statement of university policy, information about the exam, and a sample test and solutions.

Anyone whose major does not require a math course will either have to take a math course numbered 110 or higher or pass the competency exam. Students planning to take the test are asked to let the department know by sending a note to rjmaresh@viterbo.edu.

New Members of Board of Trustees



Jim Birnbaum Kent Handel Leticia Peña

The Viterbo Board of Trustees welcomes three new members, Jim Birnbaum, Kent Handel, and Leticia Peña.

Birnbaum is an attorney and a partner in the law firm Birnbaum, Seymour, Kirchner & Birnbaum, LLP.

Handel is the president and CEO of Trust Point, Inc.

Peña is a professor in the management department at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Alumni Weekend Concert Oct. 17

The Viterbo Concert Choir, Chorale, and 9th Street Singers will present an Alumni Weekend Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 in the Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact Jean Saladino, music, at ext. 3771 or jesaladino@viterbo.edu with any questions.

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Millicent Graham

both days speaking to students in numerous classes. Their visit is sponsored by the Office of Global Education and School of Letters and Sciences, in collaboration with the departments of English, world languages, and theatre.

Author bios:

Poet Millicent

Graham is a recipient of two Calabash International Literary Festival Scholarships and the winner of the 2004 Jamaica Observers Annual Literary Award for Poetry. Her work has been published in *The Caribbean Writer*

Volume 17; Bearing Witness, and Calabash: A Journal of Caribbean Arts and Letters. Her first collection of poems, *The Damp in Things*, was published by Peepal Tree Press in 2009.

Alice Pung, fiction writer, playwright,

and nonfiction writer, was born in Melbourne, Australia, to Cambodian parents. She has published the memoir *Unpolished Gem*, which won the Australian Book Industry Association award for Newcomer of the Year and was short-listed for numerous other awards, and the short story collection, *Growing Up Asian in Australia*. Her work was also included in *Best Australian Short Stories 2007*. A lawyer by trade, she contributes regularly to *The Age*.

Fiction writer **Fedosy Santaella** has published a novel, four short story collections and three collections of children's stories. New novels, *The Unpublished Eventful Journeys of Teofilus Jones* and *Miguel Luna Against the Aliens* are forthcoming. His short story collection *Postales sub sole* won the 2006 Pocaterra Latin American Literature Biennial's Novel Prize, and the story collection *Moon Rocks* was recognized in the 2007 José Antonio Ramos Sucre Literary Biennial. He has written for HBO and Cinemax, and contributes to magazines and newspapers in Venezuela. He is the creative writing workshop coordinator at UNIMET in Caracas.



Alice Pung



Fedosy Santaella

Physical Plant News

By Gene McCurdy

Upcoming Projects

The Murphy Center door replacement project is a continuation from previous years with fourth floor being the focus this year. This project is scheduled for later this fall.

Assisi Courtyard concrete repairs near the fountain will be completed within the next week.

Safety Tips

Please be mindful of elevator capacities. In most cases, the weight capacity and/or the number of occupants is listed in the elevator. These capacities are what each elevator was designed to safely handle. Please do not attempt to test the capacity as this may cause harm to the elevator and the occupants. Our elevators are inspected bi-monthly by a state certified elevator inspector. There are safety systems in place for emergencies only and should not be used routinely. Never put your arm in a closing elevator door to re-open it. If there is a fire emergency do not use elevators as it may take you to the fire floor without an escape. If caught in an elevator between floors wait for emergency personnel to lock the car in place before attempting to exit.

Reminders

Do not place anything on the heating/cooling ventilation cabinets. Debris from plants, coffee pots, paper clips, etc., can all cause damage to the units and their drains. Placing items on these units also diminishes their heating and cooling capacity.

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Cultural Dynamics of Information Age (2009).

Instructors interested in scheduling Soloviev should contact Rick Kyte, ext. 3704 for times and availability. To learn more about him, visit his Web site at <http://soloviev.blogspot.com/2009/06/garage-art-center.html>.

That Didn't Hurt a Bit



While Barb Schroeder wasn't looking forward to getting a flu shot from Sue Danielson, health services, it didn't turn out so bad. Schroeder was one of 86 people who received a flu shot on the first day they were available.

health corner

By Sue Danielson

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined.

This is exciting progress, but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women.
- Women below the poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough.

For more information about NBCAM, visit www.nbcam.org. For additional information, call one of the following toll-free numbers: American Cancer Society, 800-227-2345, National Cancer Institute, 800-4-CANCER, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, 800-221-2141.

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Fifteen national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies comprise the Board of Sponsors, who work together to ensure that the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women and their families.

Health Services would like to invite

students and staff to visit the Mathy Center on Tuesday, Oct. 13 anytime from 10 a.m.–noon for information and interactive education on self-breast examinations. Sign up to win a prize. For more information, contact health services at ext. 3806.

Students Sought for Leadership Conference

Do you know a student who is an emerging leader and would benefit from a leadership conference? If so, email the names of the students to Kari Hartogh at klhartogh@viterbo.edu by Friday and she will send him or her a personal invitation to the Viterbo Leadership Conference to be held Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Reinhart Center.

from the Library

By Kim Olson-Kopp

Congratulations to the winners of the Founder's Day drawing. We asked students and employees to tell us about their pets, and we drew four names out of the entries. Cat lover Jackie Dioszegli won *The Clever Cat Trick Kit*, *The Cat Lover's Treasury* and *True or False Pets*. Dog lover Kaylie Van Galder won *Find, Fetch, Rollover: Dog Tricks Kit*, *The Dog Lover's Treasury*, and *True or False Pets*. Our two final prizes went to Sarah Darnold, *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot, and Susan Cosby Ronnenberg, *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by James Herriot. Read their pet stories and the stories from other entries by going to the library's home page and clicking on library blog.

New Books

The most recent publication manual handbook of the American Psychol-

ogy Association is now available in the library's reference collection. A standby for students and staff, the four copies of the 2010 handbook are currently located at the reference desk. Last spring the 2007 guide to electronic resources was added to the library's Web page as a .PDF document and also as a print version in the reference collection.

Culinary inspiration abounds in these new cookbooks. All are located in the new books section near the main desk:

- *Baking Illustrated: A Best Recipe Classic*, by the editors of *Cook's Illustrated*. Packed with 350 recipes and 500 illustrations, this book pulls back the curtain on the seemingly complex world of baking to supply answers to thousands of baking questions.
- *Best American Side Dishes*, by the editors of *Cook's Illustrated*. Your

guide for what to serve with dinner, from the simple to the comforting to the more adventurous.

- *Perfect Vegetables*, by the editors of *Cook's Illustrated*. Learn how to purchase, prepare, and cook a wide array of vegetables with more than 350 recipes.
- *The Oxford Companion to Food*, by Alan Davidson. A combination of serious food history, culinary expertise, and entertaining serendipity that remains faithful to the original work.

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