Showcase 2010 on Sunday, September 19, promises to be the best Showcase yet. This is the day when the University of Hartford struts its stuff for the benefit of the President’s College. A full day of lectures, discussions and other events brings together the best of the University’s teachers, many of them professors who will be teaching courses in the President’s College during the year. This year, a special feature of the day will be sessions sponsored by each of the University’s seven colleges — ranging from the Hartford Art School to the Hartt School and from ENHP (Education, Nursing, and Health Professions) to CETA (College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture). Among the offerings will be a session on creative writing at the University, a session on the nature of art, and a session on prosthetics. In addition to presentations by the colleges, historian Michael Robinson will give a lecture, as will English professor Bryan Sinche, who has agreed to run a Moby-Dick Book Club during the fall semester, in which participants will read Melville’s novel under Bryan’s guidance. Michele Troy will talk about the Albatross Press, a small English-language press publishing books on the continent of Europe, and its relations with the Third Reich. There will be foreign-language conversation groups for those interested, and the day will end with a reception hosted by President Walter Harrison.

The day will be arranged in six blocks of three concurrent sessions, designed to suit every taste.

Our regular fall program is also coming along well. I mentioned last month that Willie Anthony Waters will once again lead a day-long session on opera, this time on the operas of Puccini. Virginia Hale, medievalist and Chaucer scholar, will also be on the program. Michael Schiano will once again be offering a course on music. Our July issue will announce the fall program.

In this newsletter, we remind you about the final event for the current academic year — Clara Fang on traffic. And don’t forget West Hartford Days! We would welcome your help in manning the booth for a couple of hours during the weekend, if you can. If not, be sure to drop by and see us!

HUMPHREY TONKIN
Special Announcement

Sunday, September 19, 2010

is the date of this year’s

University of Hartford Showcase

A day-long program of lectures and discussions with some of the finest teachers in the University (and the President’s College) on a wide range of topics in literature, the arts, technology, music, education, business, and more.

Enjoy an intellectual feast — and sample some of the courses that the President’s College will be offering during the academic year.

$90 Fellows, $140 Non-Fellows
Including box lunch and President’s Reception
Discounts for couples
Fridays at the Mortensen:  Program for June

Caught in Traffic
The Challenges and Conundrums of a Traffic Engineer

Come enjoy an evening of conviviality and learning with the members of the President’s College. Our relaxed and informal Friday evenings at the Mortensen Library on the University of Hartford campus are a great way to meet new people and learn new things.

On **Friday, June 4**, we will be joined by engineer Clara Fang, who specializes in the problems of traffic engineering — something that we don’t often think about but that lies behind every daily journey that we make by car.

Clara Fang, assistant professor of civil, environmental and biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture, has an impressive portfolio. She completed her undergraduate work in southern China; earned master’s degrees in Hong Kong and British Columbia; and received her PhD in engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Fang is a leading expert in the rapidly-developing field of intelligent transportation systems. “Although it doesn’t seem like it when you’re sitting in a traffic jam, there’s a clear logic to the way traffic flows,” Fang says.

“We can simulate traffic flows in great detail on a computer, evaluate alternatives, and use advanced technology — like intelligent road signs and vehicle guidance systems — to relieve congestion and make traveling safer.”

Clara Fang is currently working with the United States Department of Transportation and the National Research Council to improve transportation systems across the country. Fang gets her students involved in projects on the state and local level. “The students have won praise for their work from community leaders and professional engineers and they feel great about being able to make a difference in the world,” Fang says.

**Fridays at the Mortensen. Friday, June 4, 5:45 – 8:30 p.m. $40 (Fellows $30), including dinner.**
What do I do if the University closes?

Closings are announced on WTIC - 1080 AM/96.5 FM, WRCH - 100.5 FM, and WWUH - 91.3 FM. Local television stations use automated systems with limited choices for colleges and universities. Currently, Channel 3 (WFSB) is the only area station that airs specific opening and closing times.

So please follow up on any announcements that you see on Channels 8 (WTNH) or 30 (WVIT) by checking the University’s Web site (www.hartford.edu) or by calling 860.768.4100.

Parking on Campus

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June 8 — Bus Trip to Boston’s Museum of Fine Art & Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

The University of Hartford Emeriti Association invites you to visit two world-renowned art museums in Boston in early June. This all-day trip will be by bus, on Tuesday, June 8, leaving from the University of Hartford campus at 8:00am, and returning around 6:30pm.

A tour of some of the Museum of Fine Art (MFA) galleries will be given to us by Professor Dorothy Bosch Keller, Hartford Art School alumna and Professor of Fine and Performing Arts at St. Joseph College. We’ll dine at the MFA, and then our bus will take us on the 2-minute trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (ISGM) nearby.

At the MFA we’ll be able to see a special exhibition: The Secrets of Tomb 10A: Egypt 2000 BC, in addition to the permanent (and spectacular) collections. You can learn more about the MFA at http://www.mfa.org/

Dining choices at the MFA include:

BRAVO - Entrees are $23 - $35, reservations 617-369-3474 (please make your own reservation before June 8).
THE GALLERIA - Entrees are $14 - $18, reservations are not accepted.
COURTYARD CAFE - Entrees are $6 - $9. Outdoor seating is available, weather permitting.

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Mrs. Gardner began collecting in the late 1800s, and the Museum was built in 1901 to hold the large and growing collection of art. The Gardner Museum has remained essentially unchanged since its founder’s death in 1924. You can learn more about the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum at http://www.gardnermuseum.org/

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An Emeriti Association web page about this trip can be seen at http://uhaweb.hartford.edu/emeritus/mfatrip.html

Register soon — we expect that this trip will sell out quickly, and our air-conditioned bus holds only 34. The trip cost, including bus, museum admission (but not lunch), is $60 per person. Send a check, payable to “U of H Emeriti Association” (please include name(s), address(es), phone number(s) and e-mail(s) of those registering) to:

Emeriti Assoc., c/o Wally Banzhaf, CETA UT 207, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT 06117

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Other Events:

MAKE A DATE WITH

CELEBRATE! WEST HARTFORD

Celebrate! West Hartford is a highly attended, annual tradition that promotes, embraces and celebrates community life.

Attracting well over 30,000 people each year, Celebrate! also provides festival attendees with a wide range of wholesome family activities – an award winning juried arts & crafts show, great food, entertainment, games, rides, a certified 5K road race – as the saying goes, "something for everyone".

The event offers civic, service, sports, schools and charitable organizations a way to increase community awareness and an opportunity to raise funds for their worthy causes.

Saturday and Sunday
June 12 & 13, 2010

ONCE AGAIN THE PRESIDENT’S COLLEGE WILL BE REPRESENTED.
SIGN UP NOW TO HELP RUN OUR BOOTH.
CALL 860-768-4269.
Other Events:

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and Windsor.

The Dorothy Goodwin Café in the Mortensen Library is now on its summer schedule: Mondays-Fridays 10:00am-1:00pm.

Calling all Early Birds!

If you want to get a start on the President’s College fall program, **sign up now as a Fellow of the President’s College for the academic year 2010-2011**. Membership as a Fellow entitles you to unlimited free parking on campus, borrowing privileges at the Library, discounts on President’s College courses and events, and a host of other advantages. Among other things, you will be entitled to student discounts and free entry to many events.

For the month of June only we are offering a special incentive. If you sign up early, you can select one of the following free gifts (as long as stocks last):

- A President’s College mouse pad for your computer
- Love Letters in Fourteen Lines. A CD of readings from Shakespeare’s sonnets featuring such notables as Joe Lieberman, Michael Wilson, Patrick McCaughey, and Colin McEnroe
- A William Shakespeare date book featuring the Steuben Glass designs of Barry Moser. The date book was published by the University in the early days of the President’s College and remains an attractive addition to your desk
- A copy of Tivadar Soros’s memoir of wartime Budapest, *Masquerade* (2001), translated by President’s College Director Humphrey Tonkin, with prefaces by Soros’s sons Paul Soros and George Soros.

**Sign up today!**
Registration Form and RSVP

Please check relevant items and indicate amount paid at right.

- President's College Fellow, 2010-2011 (parking on campus, library privileges, discounts on courses, information about events). $100

  Free gift (indicate first and second choice)
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  - Shakespeare date-book
  - Soros's memoir *Masquerade*

- Fridays at the Mortensen. Clara Fang. June 4. $40 ($30 Fellow)

- Showcase. September 19. $140 ($90 Fellow)

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