Daniel Ritchie Gift to Support Graduate Scholarships in Music

A $1 million commitment to the University of Denver from Chancellor Emeritus Daniel Ritchie will be matched by the University to provide a total of $2 million in scholarship support for graduate students in the Lamont School of Music.

The Jessie Dee Ritchie Endowed Graduate Scholarship Fund for Music is named in honor of Mr. Ritchie’s mother.

“My mother was a singer before she met my father,” says Mr. Ritchie. “She introduced me to opera and instilled in me a love of music. I’m pleased that I can extend this appreciation to others and support promising young students.”

The gift will create scholarship funding for exceptionally talented graduate students studying in a variety of disciplines. Lamont is a performance-focused school, committed to providing excellent, innovative musical training, as well as the skills and experiences necessary for a successful career as a musician in a changing environment. Read more...

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SUMMER COURSES

Summer Session is Popular Among Students

This summer nearly 1,000 students are exploring new areas of study and fulfilling course requirements through AHSS summer classes.

For example, students in the ‘Harry Potter and Esotericism’ class, taught...
by Professor M.E. Warlick in the School of Art and Art History, are investigating the authentic histories of the many esoteric traditions J.K. Rowling weaves into her *Harry Potter* books, including alchemy, magic, witchcraft, astrology and divination.

‘Murder in America,’ taught by Lisa Pasko, associate professor of criminology, explores the constant and complex social problem of lethal violence in the United States. Pasko challenges her students to ask, “What is going on in America?” Her students are examining historical trends of murder—including an examination of the Columbine school shooting—and crime policies aimed at reducing lethal violence.

This year, AHSS offers 95 courses on campus and online to accommodate students’ busy summer schedules. Learn more about summer session.

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

**AHSS Students Win Fulbright Scholarships**

Of the four University of Denver students who won Fulbright Scholarships to study or teach abroad in the 2014-15 academic year, two are from AHSS.

Christian Allen, an undergraduate with majors in international studies and political science, has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Taiwan. Monica Heilman, an undergraduate sociology major, has received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to South Korea. Read more about the DU winners...

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Economics Alumna Works in Startup Tech and Film Production**

Hellen Kassa (BA ‘12, economics, international studies) decided to come to DU because it was the best school to pursue her interest in economic development. Today, she works for a startup tech company out of Stanford University, SVTP, doing business development in East Africa.

“My base is in Ethiopia, but I work regionally with the support of our China design team and West African sales team,” she said. Kassa is also part of the World Economic Forum Global Shapers Addis Ababa hub, which is a group of young leaders selected to design and work on projects in their respective cities.

“Studying economics at DU helped me learn how to think about things, and really shaped my understanding of international development and how societies work as a whole,” Kassa said. “I found that I loved the content and could actually apply it well with my experiences and what I wanted to do in the future.”

Read more about Kassa’s work in the DU Magazine...

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**Professor Studies Torture and Politics**

Since 2007, Jared Del Rosso has studied the U.S. debates about detainee abuse, torture and interrogation policy. Based on a qualitative analysis of over 40 transcripts of congressional...
hearings on these issues, Del Rosso has documented the factors that led Congress to acknowledge torture as an important and consequential political problem.

“My research focuses on the war on terror and the ways that counter-terror policies are debated in American politics. My hope is to understand why support for certain practices—such as torture or drones—waxes and wanes among political elites,” said Del Rosso, who joined DU in 2012 as an assistant professor in the department of sociology and criminology.

Read more about Del Rosso’s research...

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Program Opens Doors to Publishing Careers

Students come from far and wide to attend the four-week, full-time Denver Publishing Institute (DPI) each summer. Dana Eger, from Chandler, AZ, heard about the Institute from her cousin who works for a publisher in Boston. Eger believes that the intensive course, as well as networking opportunities, will help launch her own career in the publishing industry.

Eger graduated in May from Northern Arizona University with an English degree. As an undergrad, she interned for six weeks in the marketing department at Candlewick Press, a children’s book publishing company.

“It was a truly rewarding experience that resulted in my desire to work in publishing,” she said. Read More...

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Student Finds Public Policy Program a Perfect Fit

For Kayla Blomquist, running a fictitious state during a summer leadership conference in high school was the perfect prelude to her studies at the University of Denver. The experience of holding elections, conducting business at the city, county and state levels, and developing bills during the conference had sparked her interest in public policy, which continues today.

“My favorite aspect of the public policy program is the faculty,” said Blomquist, a sophomore public policy and international studies major. “So far, I have had the privilege of working with Professors Robert Fusfeld and Richard Lamm. Not only are they experts in their field with extensive real world experience, but they are also extremely helpful with both classwork and career planning. In each public policy class I have taken, I have felt challenged to develop my analytical and critical thinking, which I believe will be invaluable to my future career.” Read More...

FEATURED EVENTS

OPEN-AIR CONCERT: August 3 & 17, 7:00 p.m. — Fourth Annual Carillon Summer Recital Series
Join us for a carillon concert at the Williams Carillon at the Ritchie Center, featuring Carillonneur Brian Tang (August 3), and DU Carillonneur Carol Jickling Lens (August 17). The best listening place to enjoy the free concert is in the courtyard at the south end of the Ritchie Center, which is located on the SW corner of Buchtel Blvd. and University Blvd. A carillon is a set of chromatically tuned stationary bells, usually hung in a tower and played from a keyboard. For updates, call the Lamont Concert Line weekly recorded message at (303) 871-6412.

FAMILY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
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