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Kratz Center for Creative Writing Presents Louise Erdrich



Goucher will present a reading by Louise Erdrich — widely acclaimed as one of the most significant contemporary Native-American writers — at 8 p.m. next Tuesday, October 28, in Kraushaar Auditorium.

This reading — presented by the college's Kratz Center for Creative Writing — is free and open to the public. Tickets must be reserved in advance, however, by calling 410-337-6333 or e-mailing boxoffice@goucher.edu.

Like many of her characters, Erdrich is of mixed Native-American descent; her mother is Chippewa and French, while her father is German-American. Erdrich's writing — which includes novels, poems, short stories, and essays — draws on her own heritage to examine complex relationships among full- and mixed-blood Native Americans as they struggle with questions of identity in white European American culture.

Erdrich started her literary career primarily as a poet and short-story writer, supporting herself by working at a Kentucky Fried Chicken and on road construction crews. She made an impressive literary debut in 1982 with "The World's Greatest Fishermen," a short story that won the Nelson Algren Award.

The next year her story "Scales," which incorporated her own job experience at a highway weigh station, was selected for *The Best American Short Stories 1983*. Both stories became

chapters in Erdrich's inaugural novel, *Love Medicine* (1984), which received the National Book Critics Circle Award, among other awards.

Her subsequent, loosely connected novels — including *The Beet Queen* (1986), *Tracks* (1988), *The Bingo Palace* (1994), *Tales of Burning Love* (1997), *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* (2001), *Four Souls* (2004), and *The Painted Drum* (2006) —furthered *Love Medicine's* story, characters, and focus on Native-American life in the latter half of the 20th century.

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Dulaney Valley Road Safety Reminder

Don't forget that in addition to a few students who are still residing in the Dulaney Valley Apartments, several Goucher faculty and staff offices have been moved to buildings on Locustvale Road, so more pedestrians will be crossing Dulaney Valley Road to Locustvale Road at Goucher's main entrance. Students, faculty, and staff need to be aware of this and take extra care at both the intersection and crosswalk, whether driving, biking or walking.

Here are a few tips to pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

Pedestrians:

- Obey all pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- Always cross at marked crosswalks. You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure s/he sees you before you cross.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles.
- Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.

Bicyclists:

- Always yield to pedestrians.
- Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles and forfeit their rights as pedestrians in the case of an accident or citation.
- Obey all vehicular traffic signals and laws on the roadways.
- Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads, and sidewalks.

Drivers:

- Always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders, whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.

- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Watch for pedestrians when turning corners.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

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Every Vote Counts

Goucher's get-out-the-vote campaign has resulted in more than 300 students registered to vote or applied for absentee ballots. The voter registration drive was spearheaded by Nicholas Brown, assistant professor of political science and the director of the Sarah Hughes Field Politics Center, and his Campaigns and Elections class, which he co-teaches with Maryland Delegate John Olszewski Jr. '04.

Registration is now closed in Maryland, but students who need to register in other states or request an absentee ballot can contact Jessica Fugate at jessica.fugate@goucher.edu, Simon Pollock at simon.pollock@goucher.edu, Dennis Teegardin at Dennis.Teegardin@mail.goucher.edu, or Marta Zoellner at marta.zoellner@goucher.edu.

Check out these websites to learn more about both presidential candidates' positions on higher education: <http://www.johnmccain.com/informing/news/PressReleases/ed12978d-a54f-471e-aeed-65c65bcba6da.htm> and <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/education/#higher-education>.

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Share Your Views at the Eco Café

Ariane de Bremond, the director of Goucher's Environmental Studies Program and a visiting assistant professor, will host an Eco Café series to open a dialogue on environmental issues on campus and the college's environmental major, which she is developing. Drop by the café to make suggestions, ask questions, or share your thoughts. And enjoy some free Fair trade coffee and cookies.

The Eco Café will be held in Pearlstone 2-3:30 p.m. on:

Wednesday, October 29
Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 19
Wednesday, December 3

For more information, contact de Bremond at <mailto:Ariane.debremond@goucher.edu> or 410-337-6496.

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Goucher Competes in IBM's "Battle of the Brains"

A team of three Goucher students are competing on Saturday, October 25, in IBM's 33rd Annual Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest, known colloquially as the "Battle of the Brains," at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Under the leadership of Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Thomas Kelliher, Goucher students Dave Gage, Melissa Mento, and Jon Simon will have to solve eight complex programming problems on one computer in five hours.

The teammates will collaborate to rank the difficulty of the problems, deduce the requirements, design test beds, and build software systems that solve the problems with little guidance from the judges.

Goucher's team will compete against teams from five other schools in the region, including Johns Hopkins and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The team that solves the most problems correctly in the least amount of time will win a spot to compete in the world finals in Stockholm, Sweden.

Goucher has participated in the competition for more than 12 years and has won several honorable mentions.

For more information about the regional competitions, go online to <http://icpc.baylor.edu/icpc/>. To learn more about the contest, visit www.ibm.com/university/acmcontest/. Check out podcasts about the competitions at battleofthebrains.podbean.com.

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New Mall Restaurants Set to Open

Towson Town Center has announced that on Thursday, October 23, P.F. Chang's China Bistro and The Cheesecake Factory will open as part of the mall's expansion on Dulaney Valley Road. [P. F. Chang's China Bistro](#) will offer Asian favorites, while [The Cheesecake Factory](#) will offer more than 200 menu items, including appetizers, pizza, pasta, seafood, steaks, salads, sandwiches, and cheesecake.

Both restaurants will have outdoor seating and to-go service.

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Zipcar FAQ

Goucher College has launched a new partnership with Zipcar, a cost-efficient, environmentally friendly car-sharing program. For more information about the program, check out these frequently asked questions.

What is Zipcar?

We've parked Zipcars on campus; now all you have to do is decide where and when you want to go. You can reserve your car online or on your mobile device, 24/7. Low hourly rates include gas, insurance, and 180 miles per day.

Where can I find Zipcars?

Goucher's cars are parked in the Dorsey Center parking lot.

Registered members ages 18-20 can use the Zipcars on Goucher's campus. Members older than 21 also have access to thousands of Zipcars all around Washington, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, London, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto, and Vancouver.

What does it cost to join?

Students, faculty, and staff can join Zipcar for only \$35 a year. University partners also enjoy a \$35 driving credit in their first month of membership.

How soon after I sign up can I rent a car?

Once you sign up, it typically will take five to seven business days for you to receive your card (sometimes they arrive sooner). Once you have your Zipcard, you can sign out a car any time you want as long as the car is available.

How do I learn more and sign up?

Visit Zipcar online at www.zipcar.com/goucher. For general Zipcar information, please visit www.zipcar.com/how/faqs. Students younger than 21 can learn more about the program for 18 to 20 year olds at www.zipcar.com/universities.

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Explore Goucher Day Fun Facts

Goucher held its first Explore Goucher Day of the semester on October 13. Check out some fun facts about the prospective students who came to explore our world.

About 220 students from 19 states attended the program. They came from as far away as California and Texas. Two Pennsylvania schools – Mercersburg Academy and Westtown School – brought their own group of students, and CollegeWorks, a college counseling program from Oakland, CA, brought seven students.

Another Explore Goucher Day will be held Monday, November 10, 2008.

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Kudos

Jean Harvey Baker, the Bennett-Harwood professor of history at Goucher, is one of 30 experts on Abraham Lincoln chosen to receive a special Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial edition of The Order of Lincoln, the highest honor that can be awarded by the state of Illinois. Baker is the author of *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography*. The Lincoln Academy of Illinois will present the honors Feb. 7, 2009, at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield. The Lincoln Academy was established in 1964 to honor Illinois' most distinguished citizens, either by birth or residence, who have brought honor to the state by their achievements. The special Lincoln Bicentennial awards are a departure from the usual practice in that the award winners were selected from among worldwide nominations and did not need to have an Illinois connection.

Three Goucher students – **Chandana Lanka '09, Laura Marino '09, and Joan Pulupa '11** – participated in the 11th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium held at University of Maryland Baltimore County on October 11. Lanka and Marino presented posters describing the research they carried out with Goucher Biology and Chemistry Professor **Judy Levin**; Pulupa's presentation described her research with Judy Yanowitz of the Carnegie Institute of Washington. Lanka and Marino won a second-place award in their category. Levin and Goucher Assistant Chemistry Professor **Lesley Brown** served as judges at the event. About 300 students from colleges and universities throughout the mid-Atlantic region, as well as some from greater distances, participated in the event.

A paper by Assistant Chemistry Professor Lesley Brown, who is on sabbatical, **Mikel Holley '09, and Chris Eginton '07** titled "Characterization of amyloidogenesis of hen egg lysozyme in concentrated ethanol solution," was published in the journal "Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications." The study, and subsequent paper, is being hailed for providing new insights into lysozymes.

*Correction: In the October 6 Kudos Goucher student Adrien Thormann's name was

misspelled.

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Towson Happenings

The Walkable Towson Plan is well under way. Additional improvements to calm traffic and create a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere in Towson's downtown are coming soon. For more information, click [here](#) to read the Walkable Towson Plan Fall 2008 Update.

Don't forget about the [Towson's Farmers' Market](#) taking place every Thursday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. until November 20 on Alleghany Avenue (off the roundabout) in Towson's downtown – just a short walk or drive from Goucher's campus.

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Goucher in the News

[“Dead man on campus: ‘Zombie tag’ is off and running”](#)

From *USA Today*, October 5, 2008

Article Abstract: A group of students at Goucher College is credited with starting Humans vs. Zombies, a live-action tag-like game that has spread to colleges and universities across the nation.

[“Students, colleges prepare for private loan slowdown”](#)

From *The Daily Record*, October 14, 2008

Article Abstract: The troubled credit market could affect an important source of financial aid. Goucher's Vice President of Finance Thomas Phizacklea discusses the potential situation and how Goucher is preparing for it.

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