



Celebrating 10 years • 2002-2012
BRIDGING DISCIPLINES PROGRAMS

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

September 28, 2012

Main 212
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Welcome

Dr. Paul B. Woodruff
Inaugural Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies
Darrell K. Royal Professor in Ethics and American Society, Department of Philosophy
Faculty Panel Member, Ethics & Leadership BDP

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Lucia Albino Gilbert
Professor, Psychology
Santa Clara University
Co-founder, Bridging Disciplines Programs

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Christopher Bell
Professor, Department of Geological Sciences
Faculty Panel Chair, Environment BDP

Video Presentation

Alumni Keynote Speaker

Miriam Estrin '08
B.A. in Plan II Honors; B.A. in Government
Bridging Disciplines Programs certificate, International Studies

Student Speaker

Christopher Robertson
B.A. in Sociology expected Fall 2012
Bridging Disciplines Programs certificate, Cultural Studies expected Fall 2012

Alumni Panel begins at 4:00 p.m. in Main 212

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Dr. Lucia Albino Gilbert

Dr. Lucia Albino Gilbert is Professor of Psychology, and former Provost at Santa Clara University. Dr. Gilbert began her career in higher education at The University of Texas at Austin in 1976 as a faculty member in the Department of Educational Psychology. She later also served as Director for the Center for Women's Studies for five years. From 1999-2006, Dr. Gilbert was Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Frank C. Erwin, Jr. Centennial Honors Professor. In her position as Vice Provost, she and former Provost Sheldon Ekland-Olson founded the Bridging Disciplines Programs. Dr. Gilbert has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wells College, a Master of Science degree from Yale University, and a Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Christopher Bell

Dr. Christopher Bell is Professor and John A. Wilson Fellow in Vertebrate Paleontology in the Department of Geological Sciences. He also serves as a Research Associate in Terrestrial Vertebrate Biology at the Western Australian Museum in Perth. Dr. Bell has been teaching at the University of Texas at Austin since 1997, and he is the faculty panel chair for the Environment BDP, one of the first certificates created in 2002. He has been with the program since the beginning, which makes him one of the longest-serving faculty panel chairs for the Bridging Disciplines Programs. Dr. Bell earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, a Master of Science degree from Northern Arizona University, and a Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley.

Miriam Estrin '08, International Studies BDP

Miriam Estrin graduated from UT in 2008 with majors in Government and Plan II Honors, and a BDP certificate in International Studies. Within her certificate, she focused on issues related to international conflict and transnational security and terrorism. While at UT, Miriam conducted undergraduate research at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague to investigate state-ordered atrocities. For her honors thesis, she traveled to the United Nations and the African Union to research peacekeeping in Darfur, Sudan. Miriam also interned with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., where she returned to work after graduation. She later went on to work at the U.S. Department of State as Special Assistant to the President's Special Envoy to Sudan. Miriam is currently a third-year student at Yale Law School, where she was an Associate Fellow in the Yale World Fellows Program.

Christopher Robertson '12, Cultural Studies BDP

Christopher Robertson is a senior at UT pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a certificate in Cultural Studies with a concentration in Identities and Communities. As a BDP student, Christopher has completed two research projects on the Tea Party Movement, conducted archival research at UC-Berkeley's Bancroft Library, interned at the Center for Urban Ethnography at UC-Berkeley, and presented his work at both the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. He is the former editor-in-chief of *Sociological Insight*, the UT Department of Sociology's undergraduate research journal. This fall Christopher will be applying to Ph.D. programs in sociology.





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BDP ALUMNI PANEL

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ALUMNI PANELIST PROFILES

Jeannie Aguilar '05, Children and Society BDP

Jeannie M. Aguilar graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, and a BDP certificate in Children and Society, specializing in Early Childhood Intervention. During her time as an undergraduate, she worked on various research projects in the Children's Research Lab and the Educational Psychology department. In 2006, she returned to UT to complete a Master's degree in Special Education with a dual specialization in Early Childhood Intervention and Autism & Developmental Disabilities. Jeannie expects to finish her Ph.D. in Special Education this fall. Professionally, Jeannie has worked as a behavior analyst for children with autism, and she directed the Autism Program at Austin Travis County Integral Care. She recently took a position as a traveling consultant and provides consultation and supervision to families in other states. Additionally, Jeannie has taught Language-Minority Students in Special Education at UT Austin for the past three summers.

Erika Baylor '08, Environment BDP

Erika Baylor graduated from UT in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and a BDP certificate in the Environment. As part of her BDP certificate, Erika interned with a local environmental law firm and worked with the Texas Senate during the 80th Legislative Session. After graduation, Erika attended the University of Texas School of Law and graduated in 2011. During law school, Erika clerked at the environmental non-profit organization Save Our Springs, and she was an editor for the UT Environmental Law Journal. She is now practicing law at the litigation firm of Edison, McDowell & Hetherington, L.L.P. in Houston.

Albert Palacios '09, Cultural Studies BDP

Albert Palacios earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology, and a BDP certificate in Cultural Studies in 2009. Traveling throughout Italy and New Mexico to conduct research related to his BDP, Albert explored Spanish colonial enculturation as manifested in the architectural and aesthetic design of his hometown cultural icon, the Socorro Mission. He also interned at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum and the Harry Ransom Center through the BDP program. After graduating, Albert earned a Master of Science in Information Studies and he is currently completing a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies while working as the Film Curatorial Assistant at the Harry Ransom Center. He is starting his Ph.D. in History at UT in Spring 2013.

Jared Kinsler '10, Digital Arts and Media BDP

Jared Kinsler graduated from UT in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies, a minor in Music Business, and a BDP certificate in Digital Arts and Media. As a BDP student, Jared studied innovation in music and digital arts, and he participated in the game development pilot project. After graduating he was hired to produce an iPad application for a local software company, Gamesalad. Jared currently works as an Audio Engineer at Mood Media specializing in music production and interactive design.

Tamilla Mirzoyeva '11, Social Entrepreneurship and Non-profits BDP

Tamilla Mirzoyeva graduated from UT in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Russian. She also earned a certificate in Social Entrepreneurship and Non-profits with a concentration in International Development. As a BDP student, Tamilla volunteered with a supplemental education program in rural Peru, worked on a film project that documented financial literacy in Kosovo, and founded an events-based organization called The NextFest, which promotes social entrepreneurship and start-up culture among youth. Tamilla now works for Isis, a mobile payment application. In her free time, she assists with interactive events for socially driven businesses and non-profits.