

the newsletter of the robert gaudino fund

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Williams, 1968



Williams, 2012



Things have changed at Williams since Bob Gaudino was a professor. The Gaudino fund is committed to maintaining Gaudino's legacy through changing times. A **short film** on the newest Gaudino scholar and the fund's theme for the next three years.

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uncomfortable learning around the world.

13 students "risked" their winter studies outside the familiar. A selection of stories from the field:

- **Ethnicity in Japan** • **Voluntourism in Bangladesh** • **Religion in Cherokee Nation** • **Refugees in Egypt** •
- **Resettling Refugees in Maine** •

dangerous curriculum.

The collapse of Lehman Brothers, Occupy Wall Street, Elvis's hips and Tianamen Square: Some of the topics covered in the 3 Gaudino forums on how danger is represented across academic fields. The result is that, next year, danger will be featured in the syllabus alongside biology, history and religion with courses such as: "Financial Crises: Causes and Cures," "Interpretations of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," "Environment, Immunity, and Infectious Disease," and "Catastrophe / Apocalypse: The Movie."

more.

- Catch-22, Cancer and Hemingway: **Highlights** from the danger forums.
- The Dangers of Studying Race: **Excerpts** from David Lionel Smith's Gaudino talk.

human library.

The idea of a human library - in which humans play the role of books - started in Denmark in the early 2000s to combat anti-immigration sentiment. In the Williams community, there are few opportunities for interaction between different members of the community - and yet there are so many people with interesting stories to tell. This year, the Gaudino fund built a human library with 30 books: over 300 readers checked out books including "Male Victim of Sexual Assault," "Iraq War Veteran," "Fat Woman," "Queer," "Olympic Athlete," and "Harley Davidson Owner."

more.

- The Gaudino human library **in the news**.
- Capturing the human library: **Photographs**.
- Reading "Palestine" and other **reflections** from the human library.

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- Immersion in the unfamiliar: Jeff Thaler, taught by Professor Gaudino, **reflects** on driving hearses in Georgia and castrating pigs in Iowa.
- From Williams at Home to resettling refugees in Maine: *The Record* **examines** the past and future of Eph experiential education.
- Beyond Williams: The Gaudino legacy **continues** in Bhutan, where a group of high school students travel to Bhutan.

• For more on the Gaudino fund, check out <http://gaudino.williams.edu> •