



## Shimer Launches Online Alumni Community

Shimer has launched an online Shimer Alumni Community, [alumni.shimer.edu](http://alumni.shimer.edu). The online community is an interactive, informational, and networking site that will help alumni stay informed about Shimer news and events, as well as enjoy connections with former classmates and friends.

There is a vast array of features for alumni to use.

- Create your own personal profile, sharing only the information you wish to make public;
- Search for former classmates and friends;
- Read about campus news and events;
- Learn about ways to volunteer, including contacting admitted students in your area;
- Participate in an online discussion;
- Purchase Shimer merchandise; and
- Much more.

"Given the skyrocketing use of social networking worldwide, the Shimer Alumni Community offers our alumni a way to find and converse with each other and renew their bond to the College," said Shimer's Director of Alumni Relations Aaron Garland. "With alumni a critical part of Shimer's outreach, recruitment and support, fostering a way for them to electronically connect and reenergize their relationship with Shimer will help us grow and flourish."

Development of the site started in the fall and was made possible in part by Title III grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education. As the site moves on Shimer is looking for alumni input to help shape the site and future enhancements to the online Shimer Alumni Community.

## News

### Shimer Students are Blogging

Shimer students are now blogging. You can read about about the experiences and thoughts of various Shimer students at the official [Shimer blog](http://shimerblog.com).

### Want to be a Guest Blogger?

We are looking for Shimer alumni who are interested in being a guest blogger. You can blog about what you are doing now and reflect upon your experiences at Shimer. If you are interested please contact us at [alumni@shimer.edu](mailto:alumni@shimer.edu).



## Events

### Inauguration of 13th President of Shimer January 24, 2009 - 4:30pm

Join the Shimer community at the inauguration of Thomas K. Lindsay on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 4:30 pm. The ceremony will be held in the Atrium of the University Technology Park at IIT, 10 West 35th Street, Chicago, Illinois. A reception will follow.

### Montaigne Scholarship Weekend February 14-15, 2009

Prospective students will be visiting Shimer and competing for the Michel de Montaigne Scholarship, which is awarded to students new to Shimer on the basis of students' merit in writing and discussion--the kind that Shimer students undertake every day. The scholarship honors Michel de Montaigne, the French Renaissance author and essayist.

## Theater at Shimer

On November 21 & 22, a group of Shimer students performed Harold Pinter's *Silence* and *Landscape*. The production was directed by Duncan Riddell and after the Friday production the Shimer Alumni Association hosted a reception for attendees to meet the cast and director.



You can look forward to more theater this Spring. Check the [upcoming events](#) calendar for more details as they become available.

## **Past Events**

### Talents Shared at Orange Horse

The Shimer community shared their talents at the Fall 2008 Orange Horse on November 15, 2008. Someone looking suspiciously like Professor Harold Stone shared with us some of his thoughts. Students shared music, poetry, and their favorite readings. Eric Nicholson ('73) played and sang for attendees, as did Professor David Shiner.



### Alum Shares Art with Students

Shimer Alum Genevieve Wimp-McCann ('06) returned to Shimer on November 11, 2008 to lead an afternoon of art. Participants had the opportunity to make journals, pamphlet bound journals, paper based wall posters/murals.

