Bates College
Forensics Institute

Policy Debate Institute:
June 26 through July 16

Lincoln Douglas Debate / Public Forum Workshop:
June 26 through July 9

Speech Workshop:
June 26 through July 2
Bates College has a long and illustrious history in debate and speech. Bates was the first college to have debate teams that included African Americans and women, and for many years has been a staunch supporter of high school debate. Bates' debate team, the Brooks Quimby Debate Council, held the world's first international intercollegiate debate with Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, in 1908. In 1921, Bates' Brooks Quimby Debate Council became the first U.S. collegiate team to compete abroad when the team debated England's Oxford University. In 1928, Bates debaters completed a world tour, becoming the first U.S. collegiate debaters to compete in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. As the authors of the national Speech Communication Association's History of International Debate have observed, "to write the history of the early years of international debating is to write the history of Bates College debate."

For the past 32 years, the Bates Summer Debate Institute has provided high quality instruction in argumentation and research for high school students from across the United States. In 1997, Bates added a Speech Workshop to its program that offers students instruction and professional criticism in a variety of speech events. Bates College believes strongly in its mission to educate students in forensics in an environment that reduces the negative aspects of competition.

All three components of the Bates Forensics Institute are available to students entering grades 8-12. The emphasis is on students who are just beginning their careers in forensics, or who have had a year or two of experience and wish to sharpen their skills for advanced competition.

Bates values a diverse college community. Moreover, Bates does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, age or disability, in the recruitment and admission of its students, in the administration of its educational policies and programs or in the recruitment and employment of its faculty and staff.
Policy Debate Institute
June 26 through July 16

• Student-Faculty ratio: 6:1
• All debate lab groups are led by experienced teachers and coaches
• Daily supervised research and many critiqued practice rounds
• All instructional groups are led by professional debate coaches with years of coaching and teaching experience
• Students are instructed in the proper use of debate handbooks and research techniques

Faculty for the Policy Debate Institute:
Michael Kelley
Michael has coached debate at Stratford Academy in Macon, Georgia for 18 years. His teams at Stratford have won 14 state debate championships and have qualified for elimination rounds at St. Mark’s, Stanford, Harvard, The Glenbrooks, Wake Forest, Lexington, and many other national-level tournaments over the years. He was twice an NDT qualifier at Mercer University, reaching elimination rounds at many major college tournaments. He brings 26 years of debating and coaching experiences to the Bates Institute.

Jon Sharp
Jon coaches debate at the University of Southern California. He received speaker awards and/or was an elimination round participant at the NFL, NDT and CEDA National Tournaments from Charles Henderson High School (AL) and Emory University. Jon has also coached teams to the CEDA finals and to elimination rounds of the NDT. This is Jon's 13th year on the Bates staff.

Shunta Jordan
A former high school and college debater, Shunta coaches at Pace Academy in Atlanta. She debated for the University of Georgia, where she qualified for elimination rounds at many national college competitions including the National Debate.
Tournament. She has previously taught at the Emory National Debate Institute and the Longwood College Forensic Institute. She currently teaches at the Emory Institute for Urban Debate. This is Shunta's fifth year with the Bates Policy Institute.

Chris Wheatley
Chris Wheatley's passion for debate was evident long before arriving at Pace Academy in 1989. He was a debate coach at three universities, Georgia State University, Wake Forest University and University of Arizona. Chris earned his B.S in communications and political science and his M.A. in communications and theater. In 1991, Chris was Florida coach of the Year and in 1994, Georgia Coach of the Year, both in debate. He was inducted into the Barkley Forum Key Coach Society in 1994 and into the Georgia Debate Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002. As the J.B. Fuqua chair of Speech and Debate at Pace, Chris began a novice competition to encourage young debaters. "Atlanta's Urban Debate League is the standard of competitive excellence, and we wanted a venue where only first-year debaters from the U.S. could compete so that no one feels 'setup' by the home team." In addition, he hopes the enticement of a trip to Atlanta will attract more teachers and students across the nation to join debate.

Sheryl Kaczmarek
A Double Diamond coach in the NFL and the former president of the National Debate Coaches Association, Sheryl coaches at Newburgh Free Academy in New York. She brings more than 22 years of experience to the institute and has coached students to elimination rounds at Emory, M.B.A, Harvard, and Stanford and placed three teams in the top eight at NFL Nationals. She is a Key Coach of the Barkley Forum.

All registrants for the Lincoln Douglas Debate Workshop should include:
- all items listed above. In addition, your essay should discuss your level of familiarity with values and philosophers and mention any areas of thought you would particularly like to study.

All registrants for the Speech Workshop should include:
- high school transcript
- letter from your coach or another teacher familiar with your abilities
- an essay that describes your background in speech events. It should include the events in which you have competed, your success and what events you are interested in focusing on during the Institute. If you are new to the field, in which events are you most interested?

Upon acceptance, the registration fee ($50, non-refundable) will be applied to the balance of fees. Letters of recommendation from your debate coach and/or another teacher who is familiar with you and your work must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with your application. Please mark each piece of your application with your name and address.

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Brent Culpepper
First and foremost, Brent is alumnus of the institute. He currently debates at the University of Georgia. Brent has been in the elimination rounds of major national tournaments at both the high school and college level. He credits his foundation in debate practicum to his experiences at Bates.

Lincoln Douglas Debate / Public Forum Workshop
June 26 through July 9
• Student-Faculty ratio: 6:1
• All Lincoln Douglas Debate groups are led by experienced coaches of LD debaters
• Workshops focus on Lincoln Douglas Debate techniques, values and philosophy, as well as how to incorporate these into a Lincoln Douglas debate case
• The program features daily supervised research labs on a resolution to be debated during the institute

Faculty for the Lincoln Douglas Debate/Public Forum Workshop:
Sean Bennett
Sean Bennett is the Director of Forensics for Starr’s Mill High School in Peachtree City, Georgia. He is currently serving as Vice-president of the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association and sits on the NFL district committee for the Georgia Southern Peach District. In his first four years of coaching, Sean has qualified twenty-nine students for the NFL National Debate tournament; qualifying twelve students for the NFL Nationals held in Salt Lake City last year. For the last three years, Sean has coached the Georgia State champion in Extemporaneous Speaking, and his Public Forum teams have gone undefeated in the state of Georgia. Sean is a full-time instructor at the CDE National Debate Institute in the area of Lincoln Douglas. He also publishes annually for the NFHS Speech, Debate, and Theatre Association. He maintains a resource for public speaking, Public Forum Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
Other Staff members to be announced later.

Speech Workshop
June 26 through July 2
• Student-Faculty ratio 6:1
• Workshops include the interpretive events (humorous, dramatic, prose and poetry, duo), original oratory, extemporaneous and others, depending upon student interest
• Students select one event, develop a piece and participate in many critiqued rounds
• Students take home with them a personal videotape of their performances, documenting their development and improvement

Faculty for the Speech Workshop:
Lisa Willoughby
Lisa brings years of experience to the Bates staff. She has extensive practice in teaching and performing in the field of speech and theater. She previously instructed speech at the prestigious Georgia Governor's Honor's Program. Also, she currently coaches speech and debate at the nationally competitive.

Professional Training for Coaches
In addition to the three programs for students, individualized study for debate and speech coaches or interested teachers is available for continuing education credit. Each coach will be invited to create his or her own program of study, drawing on the resources of the Institute and working one-on-one with institute faculty. Costs are based on the length of program, which is determined by the individual coach. For further information, contact the Office of Special Projects and Summer Programs at (207) 786-6077 or e-mail: summer@bates.edu.

Student Life
All students stay in dorms supervised by an adult director of residence whose sole responsibility is the students in the Forensics Institute. Bates is pleased to welcome back Richard Bracknell for his twelfth year in this position. In his 21 years as a high school teacher and director of forensics at Carrollton H.S. (Ga.), “Brack” has coached 28 students to NFL national tournaments and was named Georgia High School Debate Coaches Association Coach of the Year. A Key Coach of the Barkley Forum, he is the president of the Georgia High School Debate Coaches Association and chairman of the Georgia Southern Peach District. In addition he is an outstanding parent and grandparent, and co-host of the Georgia 2003 NFL National Tournament and the Peach State Classic.

As director of residence, “Brack” is available full time to receive phone calls from parents, help with research and, in general, coordinate and facilitate the lives of the Institute participants. All students eat in the College's Memorial Commons dining hall, where they are served three full meals a day, including Wednesday afternoon barbecues and a Downeast lobster bake. Vegetarian options are always available.

While at the Institute, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of a Maine summer. Activities may include trips to nearby Freeport (the home of L.L. Bean), a frisbee-golf tournament, and swimming at a state park. The Bates College campus encompasses myriad athletic and recreational facilities, including tennis, racquetball, basketball, a 25-meter indoor swimming pool, weight room and field house.

Located 140 miles northeast of Boston and within a half-an-hour’s drive of the Maine coast, Bates College occupies a well-landscaped, 109-acre