The Shared Reading Committee and Learning to Fly Series present
the 2013 UWMC Art and Essay Contest!

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Topic:
This year’s campus shared read is The Geography of Bliss, in which longtime NPR journalist and confirmed malcontent Eric Weiner tests his hypothesis that “Happiness is not inside us but out there,” by flying across the globe and visiting several countries in search of happiness. Weiner’s journey explores the relationship between where we are, who we are, and how we feel. To delve deeper into these topics and reflect on your own values, answer the question, “Where would you fly, and why?”

Respond to this question by composing a short essay, poem, story, or visual artwork in which you explain why visiting a particular place would make you happy. Some sub-questions that you could address include: How do you define happiness? What elements are necessary to your state of well being? What would your destination provide that you can’t get at home? Why is it valuable to leave your comfort zone and visit new places? There are many ways to approach this project, so exhibit the full force of your creativity. The possibilities are as endless as your potential destinations!

The two students who produce the best responses will win fabulous UWMC merchandise and will have their masterpieces displayed in the Art Gallery in the Center for Civic Engagement from November 18-29.

NOTE: All submissions are to be original works. Essays should be typed and double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font. Each essay or artwork must include a title page that presents the title of the work, the student’s name, e-mail address, telephone number, and the following statement: “I hereby affirm that this is my own original work.”

Submissions/ Judging:
Submit your entries or any questions to jason.siegel@uwc.edu by October 24. The contest will be judged by members of the UWMC Shared Reading and Learning to Fly Committees. Winners will be notified in early November.