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UNIVERSITY HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING

In celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Multicultural Affairs Office has coordinated several events to take place Jan. 19-23.

The MLK Service-Learning Community Challenge debuts Jan. 19. Students from Truman's campus will come together to perform various service "challenges" for the greater Kirksville community from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Later that day, at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room, will be the Unity Reflection.

The annual Unity Luncheon is Jan. 21 in the Georgian Room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with the buffet starting at 11:45 a.m. and programming at 12 p.m. The centerpiece of the luncheon will be a 20-minute performance of staged reading presented by students of Dana Smith, associate professor of theatre. One Voice will perform gospel selections. Tickets are \$8 per person. Students can apply one meal block and pay \$3.50. RSVP to the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 by Jan. 16.

Festivities taking place Jan. 22 include a Symposium at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building Down Under, and the start of the MLK "Read-In," a two-day event with programs at area locations.

For a complete schedule of events go to <http://mac.truman.edu/MLK/MLKHome.asp>.

Visiting Scholar to Discuss Life and Legacy of Evolutionist Charles Darwin

Since 2009 is, "The Year of Darwin," the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of "On the Origin of Species," Truman's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will host Visiting Scholar Betty Smocovitis from the University of Florida Jan. 26-27.

Smocovitis, of both the zoology and history departments at Florida, will address several Truman classes in biology, anthropology, and the history of science. She will also meet informally with Truman students. The culmination of her visit will be a public lecture that promises to be a memorable review of the legacy of Charles Darwin in our times. It is titled "Singing his Praises: Darwin and His Theory in Song, and Musical Production."

Smocovitis writes that this lecture is "designed to reflect on Darwin, his theory, and its expression in popular culture in general, and American culture in particular. It explores a number of substantive issues in the history of evolution pertaining to controversies over Darwin and the reception of his theory, but it does so in what I hope is a lighthearted and engaging manner (lots of music will be played and discussed). The lecture is designed to introduce a general audience to the life of Darwin, to introduce some new insights on his life and work and to provoke thought about the relationship between science and American popular culture."

The public lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room, with a reception to follow. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Biology and the Phi Beta Kappa Delta chapter of Missouri, with a generous contribution from Truman's former President Charles McClain.

Smocovitis is the recipient of six teaching awards during her 20 years at Florida. Her

research focuses on the history, philosophy and sociology of the 20th century biological sciences, especially evolutionary biology, systematics, ecology and genetics, and the history of American botany. She is the author of "Unifying Biology: The Evolutionary Synthesis and Evolutionary Biology," has two works in progress.

A fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science and recent chair of its history and philosophy of science section, Smocovitis is the recipient of a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities as well as grants from the Botanical Society of America, the National Science Foundation, the American Philosophical Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities. She has been a visiting professor at the University of Athens, Cornell, Emory and Stanford, and a visiting research associate at the National Museum and Art Gallery, Papua New Guinea.

Every year, the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program makes 12 or more distinguished scholars available to visit 100 colleges and universities with chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society. It has chapters at 276 colleges and universities and more than 600,000 members.



Betty Smocovitis

Submit Master Calendar Events for the Spring Semester

If you have planned an on-campus event for the upcoming semester, do not forget to submit it to the Master Calendar at <http://calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp>. All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department/division/program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

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KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

SPRING SEMESTER 2009

- Jan. 27** - Lyceum: Hubbard Street 2
- Jan. 19** - Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No classes, University offices closed)
- Feb. 24** - Lyceum: The Mikado
- March 9-13** - Midterm break (no classes)
- March 17** - Lyceum: Duke Ellington Orchestra
- April 13** - Spring break (no classes)
- May 1** - Last day of classes
- May 4** - Final exams begin
- May 6** - Reading Day
- May 8** - Final exams end
- May 9** - Commencement

WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Basic Poster Preparation for Presentations and Conferences

1-3 p.m.
Jan. 19

Pickler Memorial Library 203

InkScape Posters

1:30-3 p.m.
Jan. 20

Pickler Memorial Library 103

Intro to Blackboard

9-10 a.m.
Jan. 22

Pickler Memorial Library 103

Blackboard, Blogs & Wikis, Oh My!

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Jan. 22

Pickler Memorial Library 103

Tips & Secrets in Blackboard

2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 22
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Jan. 23
McClain Hall 215

Adding Audio & Video to your Blackboard

2:30-4 p.m.
Jan. 23

Pickler Memorial Library 103

Sign up at <http://tctl.truman.edu/register>.

Global Issues Colloquium Returns with Examination of International Financial Crisis

The Global Issues Colloquium will resume at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Magruder Hall 2001 with "Local Responses to International Financial Crises: Past and Present," a presentation by Wolfgang Hoeschele, associate professor of geography, and Ma'ikwe Schaub Ludwig of the Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage.

Hoeschele will examine how ordinary people respond to international financial crises like the current global crisis. Using a discussion of the use of local currencies in Austria during the Great Depression and in Argentina during the 2000-2003 crisis as his starting point, he will advance theoretical perspectives on the economy that open up more possibilities for local action now or in the future.

In addition Ludwig, an author and sustainability educator, will share her real life

experience of living in a local ecovillage whose goal is to demonstrate and promote ecologically sustainable lifestyles. The lessons of Dancing Rabbit, and similar projects, can be replicated elsewhere and contribute to preventing another Great Depression.

The Global Issues Colloquium is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Other events scheduled for the spring semester include: "Writing Colonial History under Postcolonial Conditions: The Unfinished Study," by Julie Flowerday, assistant professor of anthropology, Feb. 12; "The Immigration Debate Reconsidered: A Global Perspective," by Jason McDonald, of the history department, March 19; and "Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua," by Jennifer Leigh Disney, of Winthrop University, April 16.

Alumni Featured in New Library Collection

Pickler Memorial Library has a new "Special Collection."

"Alumni Publications" was created and added to the catalog in December to acknowledge the scholarship and creativity of former Truman students. Approximately 50 volumes previously catalogued to Missouriiana and Rare Books were brought together to form the core of the collection with more books, recordings and scores to be added as the staff identifies the authors, publishers or producers as Truman alumni.

Many of the volumes in the collection so far,

especially those published in recent years, are signed copies that were gifts of the authors to the library or to the University via the Alumni Office.

The oldest title is "Columbian Historical Novels," a 13-volume set originally published in 1891 by John R. Musick, an alumnus from the class of 1874. The most recent is a Civil War history published in 2008 and catalogued to MoColl just a few days before it was moved to the new collection.

The location of the new collection on the catalog is "Truman Sp Coll Alumni."

Final Open Forums on Phase II Report from Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum

The last three open forum opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the Phase II Report from the Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum will take place Jan. 14-15 in the Student Union Building.

Two sessions are scheduled for Jan. 14, with the first starting at 12:30 p.m. in Georgian Room B. A buffet lunch will be provided. A second session begins at 3:30 p.m. in Georgian Room A. The final opportunity to participate will be the forum at 4 p.m. Jan. 15 in Georgian Room A.

All members of the campus community are invited to attend the sessions. To maximize time, it is advised to read the report prior to attending the forum. It can be viewed online at http://ugc.truman.edu/projects/commission/PhaseII_CUC_Report.pdf.

Members of the commission will be available, if invited, to attend department meetings to help clarify proposals.

The commission is developing a detailed survey to gather systematic feedback that will be distributed at the beginning of the spring semester. Each faculty member will have the opportunity to rate and provide substantive comments about each curricular element, scheduling/calendar option, and curricular model.

Responses to the survey will be compiled, along with any feedback received from departments. These evaluations will be made available to the entire campus community as the commission uses the feedback to revise the proposals prior to a more binding decision-making process.

NOTABLES

Aaron Fine, associate professor of art, has been recognized as a result of his 2007-2008 sabbatical research. He was included in the latest edition of Studio Visit Magazine, which is received by two thousand curators and gallerists throughout the country as well as a growing subscriber base of collectors and art enthusiasts. He also has been invited to present a solo exhibition of his works on paper at the art gallery of Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Ill. Examples of his work created on sabbatical can be found at <http://www.aaronfineart.com>.

Priya Kambli, associate professor of art, received three significant honors during the fall semester. The Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago accepted her portfolio into

its "Midwest Photographer's Project," an archive of artwork kept in the museum's collection for two-year periods as a resource for curators and scholars. Additionally, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis accepted five of her prints into their "Flatfiles" collection for a period of one year. Also, the non-profit photography organization Photolucida has selected her from among more than 600 artists who entered the "Critical Mass" contest as one of their six book awards finalists. Two or three of these six finalists will have a book of their photographs published.

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French, was featured in the Jan. 1 issue of The Argus, one of the largest newspapers in England, regarding her book "Dieppe Crossing."

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Truman State University Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship Applications are now available in the Center for International Education (CIE) Office in Kirk Building 114. Ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded for summer 2009 faculty-led Truman study abroad programs based on financial need, statement of purpose and academic achievement. Applications are due in the CIE Office by 12 p.m. Jan. 23, 2009 and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) is offering scholarship opportunities through the Memorial Education Fund (MEF) to student IMA members pursuing study in accounting or finance as an undergraduate or graduate student. These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. One student will be chosen from the scholarship pool to receive the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McCloud Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. Students must be at least part-time (at least six credits per semester), an IMA student member (membership number must be included on the application), and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications are available on the IMA website at <http://www.imanet.org/scholarships>. Deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 15, 2009.

The Webster Groves Herb Society is offering a scholarship up to \$3,000 to qualifying sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate

students enrolled in a Missouri college or university who are majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management or allied subject. Applications for the 2009-2010 academic year must be submitted on the required application form and mailed to the Webster Groves Herb Society. Visit the Truman State University Financial Aid Office for requirements and the application form for this scholarship. Deadline for scholarship submission is Mar. 1, 2009.

The Missouri Travel Council will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to currently enrolled sophomores, juniors or seniors in an accredited college or university in the State of Missouri. Applicants must be pursuing a hospitality related major such as hotel/restaurant management, parks and recreation, etc., must be a current resident of Missouri and must have a GPA of at least 3.0. To obtain further information about how to apply for this scholarship please go to <http://www.missouritravel.com>. Deadline for application is Mar. 2, 2009.

The BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student athlete, regardless of their respective sport. Please visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. Deadline for submission is June 27, 2009.

UPWARD BOUND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT TRUMAN

Upward Bound has open positions for residential mentors, night supervisor, photographer and chemistry/physics instructor. Application packets will be reviewed beginning Feb. 3. Access application materials at <http://ub.truman.edu> or at Kirk Building 220.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE PROGRAMS FOR SPRING 2009

U.S. Navy Information Session
5 p.m. Jan. 20 & March 23
Student Union Building 3204

PDI: What is it and How Can it Help Me?

5 p.m. Jan. 21

Don't Feel the Burn & Brain Food

6 p.m. Jan. 28

Student Conservation Association Information Session

6 p.m. Feb. 2

Faces of Our Collective Future: Building Community Through Diversity

6 p.m. Feb. 3

Internships: Why, Where and How?

4 p.m. Feb. 11

Career Expo Crash Course: Resumes, Networking and Interviewing

6 p.m. Feb. 18

"Get on the Bus... Get out of Town" St. Louis Blues Hockey Game

12 p.m. Feb. 21

Peace Corps Information Session

6:30 p.m. Feb. 25

Student Union Building Down Under

Etiquette Dinner

5 p.m. March 3

Student Union Building

Paving the Path: Leadership Development

5 p.m. March 17

"Get on the Bus... Get out of Town" La Traviata, KC Lyric Opera

11 a.m. March 22

Professionalism: More than Just Doing Your Job

5 p.m. April 8

Negotiating Benefits Packages

4:30 p.m. April 21

All sessions take place at the Career Center unless otherwise indicated. Bus trips will meet in front of the Student Union Building on Franklin Street. For more information go to <http://pdi.truman.edu>.

NOTES

A Taekwondo informational meeting will take place at 8 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Student Recreation Center Aerobics room.

The Association of Black Collegians and Lambda Chi will sponsor Old School Game Night at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Games include Twister, Taboo, Double Dutch, Duck Duck Goose and UNO.

The Prim Roses will conduct informational meetings at 7 p.m. Jan. 21-22 in the Student Union Building 3204. Prim Rose recruitment will take place from 7-8 p.m. Jan. 26-27 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication National

Honor Society, will host an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 in Barnett Hall 1211 for communication majors and minors interested in joining. Requirements include 60 total credit hours, with at least 12 in communication courses, and a 3.0 cumulative GPA with a 3.25 communication GPA.

The Career Center will be the site of the eighth annual Secretary's Tea at 2 p.m. Jan. 28.

The American Marketing Association Information Night will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in Violette Hall 1412. The American Marketing Association Game Night will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Violette Hall Commons. Enjoy games and pizza while getting to know the members of AMA.

CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available at <http://calendar.truman.edu>, as well as on the Truman home page and TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off-campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.

Kohlenberg Lyceum

Series Returns

Hubbard Street 2
dance company

7:30 p.m. Jan. 27
Baldwin Hall Auditorium

THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and be interested in becoming a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Deadline for the fellowship is Feb. 6, 2009.

For more information go to <http://www.woodrow.org/>.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Co-Rec Basketball	Open	Jan. 20	Jan. 22	Jan. 26
Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 20	Jan. 22	Jan. 26
Badminton	Open	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31 & Feb. 7
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Jan. 30	NA	Feb. 1
Taboo	Open	Feb. 16	NA	Feb. 22
Cranium	Open	Feb. 23	NA	Mar. 1
Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 23	Mar. 4	Mar. 16
Co-Rec Volleyball	Open	Feb. 23	Mar. 4	Mar. 16
Closest to the Pin	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 2	NA	TBA
Outdoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 23
Sports Trivia	Open	Mar. 23	NA	Mar. 29
Ultimate Frisbee	Open	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18-19
Punt, Pass & Kick	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 22
Swim Meet	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 23
Bench Press	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 27
T-shirt Design Contest	Open	Apr. 30	NA	NA
Wrap Up Meeting	Open	NA	NA	May 5

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room.

Internships in Washington, D.C., and abroad

The Washington Center for internships and Academic Seminars has opportunities available for Summer 2009.

Internships are available in Washington, London, Oxford, Quebec City and Sydney.

Applicants must be a junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA. All majors can apply.

To begin the application process, contact Diane Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu or 785.7852 before Jan. 15.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESEARCH FOR 2009

Students can apply for this 10-week program online at <http://molecularecology.truman.edu>.

Students will be conducting research in Kirksville and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a \$3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board.

For questions about the program contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

Undergraduate Scholarship Program to Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites undergraduate students to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. Scholarships are available either as part of an organized study abroad program or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year.

For program details go online to <http://www.daad.org/?p=undergrad>. Deadline for application is Jan. 31.



FOOD FOR FINES CAMPAIGN RESULTS

The Library's Food for Fines campaign in December 2008 waived \$2,633.39 in fines and collected 2,956 food items.

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