

# Truman *today*

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Mara Liasson

## Liasson to be Holman Family Distinguished Speaker

Mara Liasson will speak at 8 p.m. April 13 in Baldwin Auditorium as part of the Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series.

Liasson is one of the top national political analysts in America. She serves as a correspondent for NPR as well as political contributor for FOX News. She serves as a regular panelist on the No. 1 rated cable news program “Special Report with Bret Baier” and “FOX News Sunday” and her reports

can be heard regularly on NPR’s award-winning newsmagazines “All Things Considered” and “Morning Edition.”

Liasson provides extensive coverage of politics and policy from Washington, D.C., — focusing on the White House and Congress — and also reports on political trends beyond the Beltway.

Each election year, Liasson provides key coverage of the candidates and issues in both presidential and congressional races. During her tenure she has covered five presidential elections. Prior to her current

assignment, Liasson was NPR’s White House correspondent for all eight years of the Clinton administration where she was awarded the White House Correspondents Association’s Merriman Smith Award.

Liasson joined NPR in 1985 as a general assignment reporter and newscaster. From September 1988 to June 1989 she took a leave of absence from NPR to attend Columbia University in New York as a recipient of a Knight-Bagehot Fellowship in Economics and Business Journalism.

Prior to joining NPR,

Liasson was a freelance radio and television reporter in San Francisco.

Liasson is a graduate of Brown University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in American history.

Free tickets for this event may be picked up at the Student Union Building Information Desk or the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 202. Tickets may also be picked up at Edna Campbells gift shop in downtown Kirksville. For more information on how to obtain tickets, email [pr@truman.edu](mailto:pr@truman.edu) or call 660.785.4016.

## Hoffman Selected as Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellow

Wyatt Hoffman, a senior political science major from Kansas City, Mo., was selected for the Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program.

Each year the endowment offers approximately 10 one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated

during the past academic year. They are selected from a pool of nominees from close to 400 participating colleges. Carnegie junior fellows receive a generous salary while working as research assistants to senior associates.

Hoffman, as the first Truman student to be accepted into the program will be participating in research related to nuclear policy.

Wyatt Hoffman (pictured right, center) with President Paino and Maria Di Stefano, who serves as Truman’s nomination official for the Junior Fellows Program.



You are cordially invited to join us for the **UNVEILING** OF THE Dr. Barbara Dixon Presidential Portrait

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013  
3:30 P.M.  
TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
ROOM 308  
Reception Following

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### The Last Lecture

7:30 p.m.  
April 2  
Student Union Building  
Georgian Rooms

Come listen to professors Teak Nelson and James Guffey present speeches based on the premise: “If you knew this was the last lecture you’d ever give, what would you say?” Free admission and refreshments provided.

## COOKOUT FOR KIDS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SERIOUSFUN CAMPS

Truman's Phi Kappa Tau chapter will be conducting its 18th Annual Cookout for Kids April 16 to benefit the SeriousFun Camps for children with chronic or terminal illnesses.

The cookout menu includes barbecued half chicken or pork steak, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and a soda or bottled water for \$10. Food is delivered or can be picked up between 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at 215 N. High Street.

Orders can be placed by calling 618.979.7430 or by emailing Ralph Cupelli at [rcupelli@truman.edu](mailto:rcupelli@truman.edu).

SeriousFun Camps were founded by Paul Newman, a Phi Tau alumnus. They provide multiple one-week camping experiences for children who suffer from chronic and terminal illnesses that require around-the-clock care and frequent hospitalizations free of charge. One hundred percent of the profits from Cookout for Kids go to the camps. In the last three years, Truman's Phi Tau chapter has contributed more than \$5,000. Chapter members also volunteer to work at the camps.

# S I A B

Spring Concert

**Lee Brice**

8:15 p.m. • May 3

Red Barn Park

Doors open at 7:45 p.m.

Admission is free. Pershing Arena will be the rain site. Rain site vouchers will be available for students starting March 27. Faculty, staff and general admission vouchers will be available April 3. For more information visit [sab.truman.edu](http://sab.truman.edu) or call 660.785.4722

## Bonner Named as Newman Civic Fellow

Briana Bonner, a junior health science major, has been selected as a Newman Civic Fellow, a program sponsored by the national Campus Compact.

Nominated by their college and university presidents, fellows are students who are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change. These students are recognized as the next generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing their communities.

Bonner has a passion for helping individuals with disabilities. She regularly volunteers at the People Achieving Connections Together (PACT), a center that provides daily activities for individuals with developmental disabilities in

Kirksville. Her experiences at the PACT center led her to propose a student-initiated course, Disability and Community Connect, which was offered to prepare students to both volunteer and work in community based programs for disabled individuals. Bonner hopes to earn a Ph. D. in rehabilitation science so that she can continue to help improve the lives of those with disabilities.

Bonner was one of 181 student leaders across 36 states to be recognized. Only one student from each institution can be nominated each year.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility. For more information about the Newman Civic Fellows visit [compact.org](http://compact.org).

## Phi Beta Lambda Attends State Conference



Members of Phi Beta Lambda, the professional business organization, attended the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Columbia, Mo., where they competed in events, attended leadership training and participated in elections and an awards program. The Truman chapter was awarded first place for largest chapter in the state, in addition to receiving the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit and second place in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report. Many Truman students also received individual awards including Megan Recklein who was given the honor of Who's Who in PBL, which is awarded to one student in Missouri to recognize their service to the organization.

### REQUESTS FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2013

The Student Union Reservation Office will accept reservation requests from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 8 through April 11 in the SUB Reservation Office, Suite 2000.

All requests must be submitted in writing on a reservation form. Informational packets will be sent out to departments and student organizations the week of April 2. No early forms will be accepted. Additional forms will be available for print out on the lottery website, [studentunion.truman.edu/lottery](http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery).

There will not be electronic confirmations for these requests. Confirmations will be mailed out by May 1. All questions should be addressed to the SUB Reservation Office at 660.785.4186, or at [union@truman.edu](mailto:union@truman.edu).



# Burton Honorary Endowment Tops \$57,000



*Patricia Burton greets guests at her retirement reception March 21. The Dr. Patricia Burton Honorary Endowment was recently established through the Truman State University Foundation. The fund will provide a resource for the Philosophy and Religion Department to support student research, bring speakers to campus and to meet needs of the department. To date, this endowment has received more than \$57,000 in gifts and gift commitments. To donate to, or to learn more about the Dr. Patricia Burton Honorary Endowment, visit [giving.truman.edu/SpecialInitiatives/BurtonHonoraryEndowment.asp](http://giving.truman.edu/SpecialInitiatives/BurtonHonoraryEndowment.asp).*

## Truman Opera to Perform April 4-7

The Truman Opera Theatre will be performing Gaetano Donizetti's "Il Campanello di Notte" at 8 p.m. April 4-6 and 3 p.m. April 7 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission. This hour-and-a-half one-act comedic opera will be sung in its original Italian text, but English subtitles will be displayed for audience members throughout the production.

"Il Campanello" tells the tale of Don Annibale Pistacchio who has just married the young Serafina. In an attempt to disrupt the couple's wedding night, Enrico, Serafina's former lover, constantly rings the night bell to pull Don Annibale away from his bride. Clad in a several disguises, Enrico sends Don Annibale on a series of outrageous tasks in an effort to foil the wedding night and keep the newlywed couple apart.

This production marks the first time in Truman Opera Theatre history that a production has been put on in its original language, an achievement made possible by graduate student Filippo Ciabatti, an exchange student from Florence, Italy. Ciabatti will also serve as the production's musical director representing the first time a student has served as music director for a Truman Opera Theatre production.

The production will feature a cast of 15 students and staff and a live chamber orchestra, the largest orchestra to yet be used in a Truman Opera Theatre performance.

Tickets will be sold in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall Lobby Tuesday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to all performances.

## NOTABLES

**Five Truman wrestlers** were named to the NCAA Division II Coaches Association All-Academic team, and the Bulldogs overall posted the 11th best grade point average in the division. Junior **Colton Schmitz** earned first-team All-Academic after going 26-8 and qualifying for the national championship meet. Schmitz was one of 35 student-athletes across Division II to earn first-team status on the All-Academic squad. To be eligible for the team, a student-athlete must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be in at least their second full year of eligibility and have two letters of recommendation. Senior **Alex Maus** was a second team All-Academic selection while senior **Daniel Karlskin**, and sophomores **Helmut Rentschler** and **Nick Shea** were picked for the honorable mention team. As a team, Truman had a 3.16 team GPA.

**Marc Rice**, professor of musicology, and Lynn Scharff of Tufts University, had their poster

"Watching from Afar: Rap, Protest, and the New Media within a Tunisian Diaspora" accepted for the international conference of the European Society for Ethnomusicology. The conference will take place in Bern, Switzerland in September 2013.

**Thomas Trimborn**, professor of music, had his arrangement for wind ensemble of Aaron Copland's Old American Songs performed by the University of Michigan Concert Band with Daniel Washington baritone soloist.

**Lin Zhang**, associate professor of business administration, and co-authors Baolong Ma of Beijing University of Technology, Fei Li of Qin hua University, and Peng Gao of China Europe Business School have had their paper entitled, "The Impact of a Product Harm Crisis on Customer Perceived Value" accepted for publication in the International Journal of Market Research.

## WILLIAM O'DONNELL LEE ADVISING AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know a great faculty advisor? Would you like to honor him or her? Nominate an outstanding full time faculty advisor for the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award. Please note that academic advisors are not eligible. To nominate a faculty member, complete the online nomination form at [newstudents.truman.edu/web\\_form\\_builder2/form\\_builder.asp?testId=356](http://newstudents.truman.edu/web_form_builder2/form_builder.asp?testId=356)

Nominations are due by 5 p.m. April 5. For questions about the award or nomination process, contact Marty Eisenberg at [martye@truman.edu](mailto:martye@truman.edu).

## Pearson Prize Applications Now Available

Applications for the 2013 Pearson Prize for Higher Education are now open. The Pearson Prize is an award distributed by the Pearson Foundation that recognizes students who distinguish themselves by leading public service efforts and give back to their local community while completing their undergraduate studies.

This year's program has been changed in order to provide even more students with the financial support and additional assistance they will need to grow their programs and community outreach efforts. In 2013, 100 students will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to meet their goals.

The Pearson Prize application is available online at [pearsonstudents.com](http://pearsonstudents.com). Applications must be completed by April 19.

# NOTES

**The Missouri Department of Transportation** will host a listening session from 4-6 p.m. April 3 in the Student Union Building. Local officials, companies, organizations transportation experts and MoDOT engineers will discuss potential scenarios for Missouri's transportation priorities over the next 20 years. Seating is limited so pre-registration is encouraged. Register by emailing [onthemove@modot.mo.gov](mailto:onthemove@modot.mo.gov) or by visiting [missourionthemove.org](http://missourionthemove.org).

**The Faculty Forum** will continue at 7 p.m. April 3 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room when professor emeritus Peter Goldman presents "Will lions survive longer in the wild or in my imagination?"

**The Study Abroad Office** will sponsor a Semester at Sea informational meeting at 7 p.m. April 4 in the Student Union Building Room 3203.

**Starstruck, the TSODA spring dance recital**, will take place at 7 p.m. April 5 and April 6 in Baldwin Auditorium.

**The Multicultural Affairs Center is bringing the Global Poverty Project to campus** from 5:30-7 p.m. April 8 in Violette Hall 1000. This event will give students the opportunity to learn more about why extreme global poverty exists and give them the tools and resources to actually do something about it.

**The Graduation Fair** for May graduates will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9 and April 10 in

the Student Union Building Activities Room.

**Truman's National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)** will host a literacy night at the Adair County Public Library from 3:30-5:15 p.m. April 10 for students K-3rd grade. NSCS students will be dressed up like book characters and will help children explore new worlds by reading and helping them create a fun craft to take home.

**The American Association of University Professors (AAUP)** will host its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. April 16 at the University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at [marc@truman.edu](mailto:marc@truman.edu) or call 660.785.6036 for more information.

**Service Recognition Luncheon RSVPs** are due by April 17 to Human Resources. This annual event recognizes Truman employees celebrating an anniversary year of service. Tickets are \$10. Individuals being recognized will receive a complimentary ticket.

**Howard Wight Marshall, noted fiddler** and scholar of Missouri fiddle music, will perform from 5-7:30 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. He will be joined by Truman student Richard Shewmaker. Marshall will also be signing copies of his book, "Play Me Something Quick and Devilish," available for purchase at the Truman Bookstore. This event is sponsored by Folklore Studies and the Truman Bookstore.

## Summer JINS Course in St. Louis

JINS 366, Art, Environment and Community, will be offered this summer for students in the St. Louis area. Weekly meetings will be held at various locations in the city including the St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis Public Library and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Students will create artwork dealing with ecology in the St. Louis community.

Other coursework will be online via Blackboard. For more information, contact Kelsey Wiskirchen at [kelseyw@truman.edu](mailto:kelseyw@truman.edu).

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Swim Meet	Greek/Org/Open	March 27	—	April 3
Co-Rec Ultimate Frisbee	Open	April 5	—	April 13-14
Track Meet	Greek/Org/Open	April 10	—	April 18
Amazing Race-Truman	Open	April 11	—	April 17
Rock Climbing	Open	April 16	—	April 23

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at [recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp](http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp), or contact the Intramural Office at 660.785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 5 p.m. in Magruder Hall Room 2001.

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## ASSESSMENT AT

### TRUMAN

*How Does Truman Measure Up?*

### Professors' Perspective

According to the Faculty Survey for Student Engagement (FSSE), Truman students reported more contribution to writing and speaking effectively in addition to more contribution to analyzing quantitative problems than faculty reported emphasizing. Students also reported less integration of papers and projects than faculty reported emphasizing. This data, as well as other interesting facts about how Truman is doing is available via the Assessment Almanac, at [assessment.truman.edu/almanac/index.asp](http://assessment.truman.edu/almanac/index.asp).

## PICKLER

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### Children's Literature Festival Dinner

There is still time to sign up for the Children's Literature Festival Dinner at 6 p.m. April 19 the Student Union Building Activities Room. The featured speaker will be Stuart Gibbs – former film and television screenwriter and very popular children's author. To register, and for more information, contact Daisy Rearick at [drearick@truman.edu](mailto:drearick@truman.edu) or at 660.785.4048.

### Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Information Session

4:30-5 p.m.

April 17

Health Sciences Building 3205

After completing a bachelor's degree and the specified pre-requisite courses, admitted students may finish a BSN degree in 15 months of study. For additional information, email [nursing@truman.edu](mailto:nursing@truman.edu) or call 660.785.4557. The nursing website includes information about the curriculum at [nursing.truman.edu](http://nursing.truman.edu).