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Final Allen Fellowship Winners Named

Faculty members Scott Alberts, Matthew Beaky and Karen Smith each received the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship Feb. 8.

The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship recognizes outstanding faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the University and its students. Up to three faculty members are selected each year. The Fellowships are open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty who have completed at least four years of full-time service at Truman. Eligible faculty may be nominated for the Fellowship by Truman State University faculty colleagues or academic departments.

Alumni Walker and Doris Allen established the Fellowship in 2000 with a \$250,000 contribution, one of the largest gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

This is the final year of the program, which has recognized 30 faculty members with the award.

President Troy Paino, along with Pinney Allen, daughter of Walker and Doris Allen, presented the faculty members with the awards. Pinney Allen came to campus from Atlanta, Ga., to award the final round of Fellowships.

Scott Alberts, associate professor of mathematics, is in his tenth year at Truman. In addition to teaching statistics, he serves as director of the Truman Portfolio Project and is a faculty mentor for the University's newly created Center for Applied Statistics and Evaluation. Alberts frequently serves as a consultant and evaluator to the research of others, across a wide range of disciplines. His own research investigates mathematics anxiety and looks to find ways to reduce anxiety in ways that also improve mathematics performance. Alberts earned two bachelor's degrees from Oberlin College and his

masters and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Matthew Beaky, associate professor of physics, came to Truman in 2000. His general interests include observational astronomy, astrobiology and archaeoastronomy. Along with his teaching duties, Beaky is the director of Truman's Office of Student Research, overseeing the annual Student Research Conference and the TruScholars Summer

Undergraduate Research Program. Beaky received his bachelor's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

Karen Smith, associate professor of psychology, joined the Truman faculty in 1999. She received her doctorate and master's degrees in psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her bachelor's degree in psychology from Hanover College. Her research interests are in issues of human cognition, perception and performance, including human visual attention, selective attention, pre-attentive processing, memory and contingency learning. She is a member of the Midwestern Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the Council for Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology and Sigma Xi.

Walker W. Allen graduated from Truman (then Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College) in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in business education. Doris Allen attended Truman from 1938-1939. Walker served as a Truman State University Foundation Board member from January 1998 until his death in March 2009. The Allens have two children, William D. Allen and Pinney Allen. Doris continues to reside in Columbia.

A complete list of all past Allen Fellowship winners, as well as more information about Walker and Doris Allen, is available at <http://academics.truman.edu/allenFellowship.asp>.



Non-Profit and Public Service Conference Feb. 17

Learn about careers in the nonprofit sector; hear from alumni in the field and view poster displays of more than 100 organizations.

Poster Display

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Student Union Building Hub

Volunteer Fair

2-4 p.m.
Student Union Building Hub
Find opportunities to volunteer in the local community

"Using your Truman degree in the Non-Profit sector" by Lisa Gilbert ('03)

4:30-5:15 p.m.
Student Union Building
Georgian Room A

Meet the Alumni Dinner

5:15-6:45 p.m.
Student Union Building
Georgian Rooms B & C
Must be nominated by faculty/staff to attend. Send nominations to lkerlin@truman.edu. First come, first served for slots.

Peace Corps Information Session

7 p.m.
Student Union Building
Georgian Room A

Download a complete schedule of events during Career Week at <http://career.truman.edu>.



University President Troy Paino and Pinney Allen present the 2011 Doris and Walker Allen Fellowship awards to Scott Alberts (top) Matthew Beaky (middle) and Karen Smith (bottom).

Volunteer Income

Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) offers free tax return preparation by IRS-certified volunteers and free electronic filing to receive a faster return. VITA offers tax assistance for clients with low to moderate income levels filing simple tax returns.

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Feb. 19, 26

March 26

Violette Hall 1424

To file your tax return, bring:

* Social security cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a social security number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration

* Wage and earning statement(s), Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R form and interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099)

* A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available

* Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit

* Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (SSN or the Business Employer Identification Number)

Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

Still Spirit Award Nominations

The deadline for the 2011 Still Spirit nominations is Feb. 25. Submissions can be made online at <http://www.atsu.edu/spirit>. For questions regarding nominations or the 2011 Still Spirit Awards Dinner and Ceremony, contact Virginia Halterman at 660.626.2544 or vhalterman@atsu.edu.

2011 Still Spirit Awards Ceremony

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Awards Ceremony
March 31

Student Union Building
Georgian Room

RSVP by March 18 to
communications@atsu.edu or
660.626.2272

Forensics Experiences Success in St. Louis

The Truman Speech and Debate Team traveled to St. Louis to compete in Webster University's annual Gorlok invitational tournament Jan. 27-30. The tournament included 36 teams from across the nation.

The individual events competitors collectively brought home 10 trophies. They also cinched third place overall.

Junior Andrew Grojean won second in dramatic interpretation, third in persuasion speaking and was a semi-finalist in prose interpretation.

Grojean and freshman Arielle Long-Seabra took fifth place. Grojean's top accomplishment, however, was winning first place individual sweepstakes, an award based on a competitor's combined points for all events.

Sophomore Jessica Petrie won second in editorial impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, third in impromptu speaking and fourth

in persuasion.

Sophomore Sarah Agbehia won an excellent award in extemporaneous speaking, placing her in the top 20 percent of the event.

The debate competitors also took home several trophies.

Senior Dylan Clark and freshman Myra Milam both advanced to octofinals in Lincoln-Douglas debate, meaning that they were in the top 16 of 64 competitors. Milam also received a third place speaking award in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Senior Sarah Backhaus and freshman Nick Gorman advanced to double octofinals, placing them in the top 32. Gorman took the ninth place speaking award and Backhaus took the 15th place speaking award in Lincoln Douglas debate.

The team is gearing up for the state championship competition in mid-February.

For more information, contact Kristi Scholten, director of forensics at kscholten@truman.edu.

28th Annual Piano Festival Begins Feb. 18

The Truman Department of Music has announced that Amir Khosrowpour will perform as the guest artist for the 28th Annual Truman Piano Festival.

Khosrowpour will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall and lead master class for four Truman piano majors at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 19. Both events are free and open to the public.

His performances are balanced with new works and old works. This appearance will feature works from the traditional repertoire by Haydn and Schumann, as well as avant-garde compositions by William Horne, Tristan Perich and David Broome, and two fugues that Khosrowpour wrote

himself in 2011.

Khosrowpour graduated with distinction from the University of Kansas, earning a B.M. in piano and composition. He completed the Master's of Music at Manhattan School of Music and is now working on his doctorate.

He has performed in more than a dozen states, in Shanghai and the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, D.C. In New York City, Khosrowpour has worked with composers and performers in many new-music groups, including Red Light New Music, Ensemble Pamplemousse, JACK Quartet and TRANSIT. He has won numerous competitions, including a national title from the Music Teachers National Association.

Summer Course Offers Trips to National Parks

Jennifer Hurst, assistant professor of health and exercise sciences, will host a second informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in Pershing Building 232 to discuss a new summer 2011 excursion course offering for individuals that could not attend in January.

This will be the last formal informational meeting prior to summer registration. The five-week course focuses on learning about the national parks through different physical activities.

Students will explore the unique geology, history, biology and specific conservation issues of both Yellowstone and Grand Tetons national parks. In addition, the course will introduce students to skills and techniques for engaging in outdoor physical activities safely, which will be

used to explore these two unique environments.

An 11-day excursion trip to the national parks will be taken in the middle of the course, including hiking in Yellowstone, whitewater rafting on the Snake River and a one-day beginner mountain climbing course in the Grand Teton mountains.

Students are encouraged to come and hear more information about the course, including fees, schedule, topics and activities, and to see some of the places they could be studying and traveling.

For additional questions, or if interested but unable to attend, contact Hurst at jhurst@truman.edu or 785.4464. This course is open to anyone who wants to enroll.

Court of Appeals to Convene in Kirksville

The Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, will visit Kirksville to convene court Feb. 17.

A three-judge panel consisting of Judge Cynthia L. Martin, Judge James Welsh and Judge Gary Witt will hear oral arguments in four cases in the circuit courtroom of the Adair County Courthouse beginning at 9 a.m.

The cases are appeals from previous trials in area circuit courts. The judges will hear attorneys argue whether the trials had errors, which would cause them to be retried, or have the trial court's judgment reversed. The judges will read written arguments before the court session and may interrupt the attorneys' arguments with questions.

The three judges will take a break between cases and remain after the session to discuss the court system and generally explain proceedings.

This will be the 18th time that the court has convened in Kirksville. It convenes regularly

in Kansas City. Its jurisdiction is appeals from trial courts in 45 counties, which include all of northwest Missouri and most of central Missouri.

Martin will preside over the proceedings in Kirksville. She was appointed to the court of appeals in 2009. Welsh was appointed to the Western District in 2007 and Witt in 2010.

"It is important for the court to convene oral arguments outside of Kansas City," Martin said. "This gives individuals an opportunity to observe a part of the judicial system they normally do not see. We hope those attending will gain a better understanding of the court's function."

Besides Kirksville, during the past 18 years the court has held sessions in Chillicothe, Columbia, Fulton, Gallatin, Huntsville, Independence, Jefferson City, Keytesville, Lexington, Liberty, Linneus, Macon, Marshall, Maryville, Nevada, Platte City, Richmond, St. Joseph, Savannah, Trenton, Tuscumbia and Warrensburg.

NOTABLES

Tom Capuano, professor of Spanish, had his article "Medieval Agricultural Lore in the Untitled Miscellany of MS. 6437, Biblioteca Municipal de València (Fons Serrano Morales)" published in *Catalan Review: International Journal of Catalan Culture* 23: 9-16.

Members of Delta Sigma Pi attended the organization's South Central Provincial LEAD Conference in Baton Rouge, La. During the conference, Truman Chapter President, Matt Venneman, was awarded the Regional Collegian of the Year.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Truman State University Foundation

Scholarship applications are now available. More than \$275,000 will be awarded to current Truman students for the 2011-2012 academic year. Applications are available online and are due by midnight March 10. To learn more, go to <http://truman.edu> and click on Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships or visit <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s>.

The Missouri Insurance Education Foundation

will award scholarships to students attending Missouri colleges or universities in a program that could lead to positions in the insurance industry in Missouri. The \$2,500 C. Lawrence Leggett Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior Missouri resident majoring in insurance or a related area of study in a Missouri college or university. In addition to the Leggett Scholarship,

the foundation has established an additional scholarship available in the amount of \$2,000. Application forms are available online at <http://mief.org> and are due by March 31.

The Jack J. Isgur Foundation is accepting applications from students enrolled in the field of education in the humanities, such as literature, fine arts, music, art, poetry and dance. The Foundation awards scholarships to students studying at colleges and universities who indicate an interest in teaching courses in the above-described areas in school districts located in the State of Missouri, preferably rural school districts. The scholarship is available to those at the junior and senior levels, as well as graduate students. For further information or an application, stop by the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103. Deadline for submission is May 1.

MICRO-GRANTS FOR SERVICE-LEARNING AND RESEARCH

Missouri Campus Compact (MoCC) is offering \$300 micro-grants for faculty members to conduct course-based service-learning or research during 2011-2012. View the Request for Proposals and download an application at <http://missouricompact.missouristate.edu/75746.htm>. Applications are due March 1. Contact Baillie Cloyd (bcloyd@truman.edu) with questions, to discuss project ideas or for assistance with the grant application. More information is also available at <http://servicelearning.truman.edu>.

Communication Week 2011

Communication Week 2011, sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta and the Advertising & Public Relations organization, will take place Feb. 21-25. Students, faculty and staff are invited to join in events that will showcase various aspects of the field of communication.

Schedule of events:

"PR Through the Back Door"

Marjorie Maas ('02)
Executive Director of
Nebraskans for the Arts

7 p.m.

Feb. 21

Student Union Building
Georgian Room B

"The Forensics of Communication:

An Interactive Showcase"
Speech & Debate Showcase

7 p.m.

Feb. 22

Magruder Hall 1000

Movie Screening

7 p.m.

Feb. 23

Student Union Building
Georgian Room B

Faculty/Student Potluck Free Dinner Social

7 p.m.

Feb. 24

University Club

Silent Auction

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Feb. 21-25

Barnett Hall atrium

Academic Peer Mentor Positions Available

Academic peer mentors support the professional and faculty advising staff to first and second year accounting and business administration students.

Applicants must be:

* Junior or senior level
accounting or business
administration majors

Applications are available in the Business Academic Advising Center, Violette Hall 2413, and are due March 21.

NOTES

Greeks Give Back Week continues with scheduled events including: brunch for the President and his staff, Feb. 15; faculty appreciation, Feb. 16; staff appreciation, Feb. 17; and student appreciation by providing a Wii and conducting a drawing for \$25 Kirksville Dollars during Fireside Friday in the Student Union Building Feb. 18.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host a Faculty Brownbag Lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. For more information, see <http://aaup.truman.edu> or contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu.

The Physics Colloquium continues at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in Magruder Hall 1096 with "Quantum mechanics in non-inertial reference frames: implications for equivalence principle and gravity."

The SERVE Center will host a Volunteer Fair from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 17. This event is meant to educate students about local organizations and to recruit volunteers. The SERVE Center, along with the Spring 2011 Structured Inequalities class in the Sociology/Anthropology Department, has organized this event.

A faculty forum entitled "Blake's Bounding Lines and the Art of Interdisciplinarity" will take place from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 17 in Ophelia Parrish 2210. A reception will follow.

"4 Real 4 Faux—Animating the Vernacular" will be on display in Ophelia Parrish's main art

gallery through Feb. 18. The display features artwork influenced by outsider art and was curated by the Truman Curatorial Fellow Nancy Mizuno Elliot. The closing reception for this display will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 18.

The Truman Art Gallery is now featuring Renaissance prints through Feb. 18. This exhibit, "The Workshop and the World," contains 15th and 16th century prints from various collections and was curated by Julia DeLancey, professor of art and art history, with student assistance.

The National History Day Competition will take place from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 19 in Violette Hall.

Amtrak is now seeking train travel-themed videos from college students to compete for more than \$3,000 in prizes. For more information, contest rules, prize details and to enter the second annual Amtrak TRAINsportation video contest, visit <http://amtraktransportationvideocontest.com>. Entries must be submitted by Feb. 28.

The Managerial Foundations Certificate through the Truman Institute is now accepting applications for an eight-week course in April and May. This certificate prepares participants to deal with increased global competitiveness while they manage resources and people more effectively. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact the Truman Institute at 785.5384, visit the Truman Institute website at <http://institute.truman.edu> or e-mail the Institute at jmorton@truman.edu. Candidates should submit their application for the April special session no later than March 28.

The Big Event

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 19

Truman students will provide services to community residents by raking leaves, washing windows, painting and more.

The Big Event gives Truman students the opportunity to show appreciation for the support the Kirksville community has offered them.

Registration for volunteers and hosts:

Feb. 4-March 4

<http://www.serve.truman.edu/bigevent> or through the SERVE Center at 785.7222.

V-WEEK SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Check yourself while you speck your self:
Art workshop

6:30-8 p.m. • Feb. 15

CSI Complex Room Student Union Building 112

Shh...breaking the female masturbation taboo

7 p.m. • Feb. 16

Magruder Hall Planetarium

Knape: Haiti one year later

7:30 p.m. • Feb. 17

Baldwin Hall 231

Vagina Monologues

7:30 p.m. • Feb. 18 & Feb 19

Baldwin Hall Theatre

Women's Leadership Conference

1-3 p.m. • Feb. 19

Student Union Building Alumni Room



Resource to know...

Safari Books Online contains a specially-tailored subset of 3,394 titles for technology, digital media and business books. For more information, go to <http://proquest.safaribooksonline.com>.



Spring Documentary Series

The Tillman Story

Feb. 15

Student Union Building Hub

A Film Unfinished

Feb. 22

Student Union Building
Georgian Room

Each film will be shown twice,
at 7 & 9 p.m.

Film

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I

Feb. 18 • 6 & 9 p.m.

Student Union Building
Georgian Room

SPRING STAFF SOCIAL

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
March 8

Student Union Building
Georgian Room

Staff Council is sponsoring this event to create an opportunity for staff across campus locations to meet and socialize. Lunch will be served. RSVP by Feb. 25 to kristinf@truman.edu.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011 LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Nominate students, organizations and advisers online at <http://csi.truman.edu> or pick up packets in the Center for Student Involvement Office in the Student Union Building.