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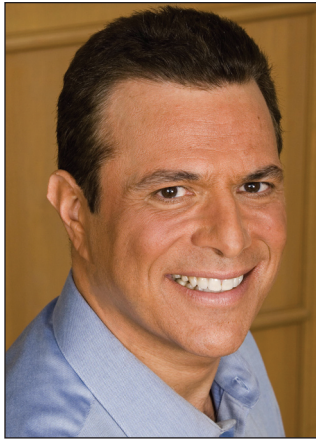
March 27, 2012

## Presidential Historian Michael Beschloss to Serve as Inaugural Holman Family Distinguished Speaker April 14

Michael Beschloss, the award-winning historian and author, will speak at 8 p.m. April 14 in Baldwin Auditorium as part of the Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series.

Beschloss serves as the NBC News Presidential historian and he appears regularly on "Meet The Press," the "Today" program and "PBS NewsHour." The award-winning historian and author of nine books has been described by Newsweek as "the nation's leading Presidential historian."

Beschloss will speak about his best-selling book



Michael Beschloss

"Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989." He describes crucial times when

courageous presidents took risks and overcame obstacles to dramatically change the future of the United States.

A natural storyteller, Beschloss details the outstanding traits of past presidents and then compares them to the current crop of presidential candidates for an insightful glance into America's political future. He also uses what he has discovered about presidential courage to

provide leadership lessons for all of us.

This will be the first installment of the Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series, named in honor of Squire Paul and Meeda (Daniel) Holman by their children to honor their parents' long association with Truman. It is funded through an endowment with the Truman State University Foundation.

Free tickets 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 or the Kirksville High School. For more information on how to obtain tickets, email [pr@truman.edu](mailto:pr@truman.edu) or call 785.4016.

## Student Programs Merge to Form the New Center for Academic Excellence

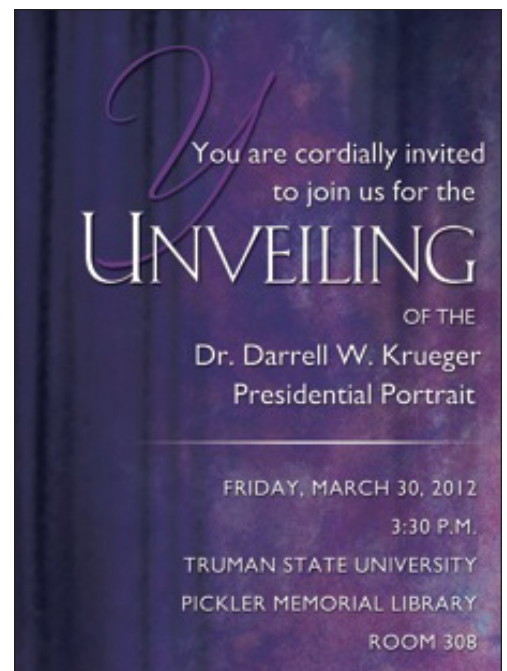
In an effort to better serve Truman students and to better coordinate student success initiatives and first-year advising, effective July 1, New Student Programs and the Student Success Center will be merged into a new entity: the Center for Academic Excellence.

Taking on the current missions of New Student Programs and the Student Success Center, the Center for Academic Excellence is charged with offering programs and services that allow all Truman students to reach their academic potentials. The newly formed Center will be led by Jack Holcomb. Holcomb

is currently the interim director of the Student Success Center. Previously, Holcomb was an academic advisor in New Student Programs.

The creation of the Center for Academic Excellence required no new budget dollars. While the director of the Center for Academic Excellence is a new position, the director of the Student Success Center was eliminated.

All of the advisors in New Student Programs have been transferred to the Center for Academic Excellence. There has been no net increase in the number of employees.





### Paging All Doctors

The Career Center is hosting Paging All Doctors now until March 28. Events include learning about the graduate school admissions process, a networking reception with health care professionals, medicine demonstrations, MCAT test preparation and more. For more information and to register for events, go to [career.truman.edu](http://career.truman.edu).

### Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day will take place April 13. Mock interviewers from all majors will be in attendance. To register, bring a resume to the Career Center. To learn more about Mock Interview Day and who will be attending, go to [career.truman.edu](http://career.truman.edu).

### A Conversation on the Liberal Arts

#### STUDENT VOICES ON THE LIBERAL ARTS

7-8 p.m. • April 2  
Georgian Room B

Why a public liberal arts and sciences university in the 21st century?

# Alumnus and Student Connect at Facebook

While Facebook continues to be a forerunner in shaping how people communicate, an alumnus and current student from Truman are working to leave their mark on the social networking giant.

Corey Owens ('06) has been working at Facebook for the past two years. Currently he operates out of the company's Washington, D.C., office managing Facebook's federal political action committee, state legislative affairs and a number of other policy issues such as data center infrastructure. As guidelines are constantly being reshaped in the digital era, Owens is in a unique position to influence Facebook and social media for years to come.

"We're involved in dozens of policy areas and there's always more work to be done than you can handle at any one moment," Owens said. "Having that kind of license to explore and try new things is very different than other jobs I've had."

Owens credits the education he received at Truman with some of the success he has experienced at Facebook.

"Working in public policy requires being conversant in a lot of subject areas," he said. "Truman has always aimed to produce well-rounded graduates with exposure to many fields, and that training has certainly helped me in this job."

Owens' Truman education is one of the reasons he is working in Washington, D.C., today. As a student, he completed an internship in the capital for the American Civil Liberties Union and after graduation got his first job with the organization.

A few years later, a former colleague recruited him to Facebook for his experience with digital privacy issues.

Once Owens was in a position to select members of his own team at Facebook, he reached out to his alma mater.

"I was eager to give a Truman student the same kind of positive experience I had during my internship in Washington," he said. "My internship gave me an amazing opportunity, and I wanted to

give another Truman student the same shot that I had."

After consulting with some former professors, student Christian Johns came highly recommended to Owens. Johns, who was studying abroad in Australia at the time, immediately applied and even interviewed at 4 a.m. to compensate for the time difference.

Johns, a political science major who has already been accepted to a number of law schools, has spent this semester working on state and local legislative issues as well as assisting Owens with some of the day-to-day operations of the political action committee.

"Thankfully, Corey and a few other people in our office have given me the opportunity to work on some projects that interest me, and they value my contribution every day," Johns said. "The goal of most internships is to gain valuable work experience in a field, and also get the opportunity to network and make good impressions. I can't think of a place where I could have a better chance to do those things than working at Facebook's D.C. office."

Like many companies, Facebook offers several different areas where potential interns can get involved, including programming, communications and policy, to name a few.

Not surprisingly, Johns credits good grades and extracurricular activities with helping get his internship, but he also credits his association with Truman.

"I keep finding that the reputation of Truman students precedes us," he said. "In some ways, just being a Truman undergrad can put you in some conversations that other students don't get to experience."

Johns' internship will end in May, and as of now, he plans on attending law school in the fall. While he may be the first Truman student to intern with Facebook, he probably will not be the last.

"Christian's done really well here, so I'm sure we'll be keeping Truman students in mind for future internships," Owens said.

# Cagle and Gillette Earn Points of Excellence Awards



The Points of Excellence Award was recently presented to two staff members. Wanda Cagle from Pickler Memorial Library and Nathan Gillette from Information Technology Services were selected by the Staff Recognition Committee to receive this award. Cagle was recognized for the support she provided to the Provost Search Committee and Gillette was recognized for his IT support. Cagle, left, and Gillette, right, accepted their awards from President Troy D. Paino.



# Annual Cookout for Kids to Raise Funds for Hole in the Wall Gang Camps

Phi Kappa Tau will be conducting the 17th Annual Cookout for Kids April 17 to benefit the Hole in the Wall Gang 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 \$8. Food is delivered or can be picked up between 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at 215 N. High Street. Orders will be taken in the Student Union Building April 2-5 and McClain and Centennial halls April 2-6. Students will be able to place orders until April 12.

For more information, email [gar2775@truman.edu](mailto:gar2775@truman.edu).

Hole in the Wall Gang 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. The camps provide these experiences free of charge to children's families and it is only through contributions that the camps are able to continue.

In the last three years, the Delta Omega chapter has contributed more than \$5,000.

## Student Receives Critical Language Scholarship

Shawn Bodden, an English, Russian and Slinguistics triple major from Florissant, Mo., was selected for the 2012 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program intensive summer institute in mid-March for his studies in Russian. Bodden will be spending eight weeks in Kazan, Russia this summer as part of his scholarship. While there, he will spend five days a week in the classroom, live with a host family, have a peer tutor and participate in cultural excursions. Bodden plans to use this experience in pursuing a career in diplomacy with a focus on Eastern Europe.

The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to dramatically expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. CLS institutes provide fully funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for seven to 10 weeks for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students.

The Program caters to all majors and areas of study. Students may apply for one language and will be placed at institute sites based on language evaluations after selection.

## NOTABLES

Twelve Truman students traveled to Columbia, Mo., March 16-18 for the annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi, the collegiate national classics honor society. **Lauren Milburn** represented Truman as national secretary (*megale grammateus*) throughout the meeting. **David Giovagnoli** was chosen to present his paper "Echoes of Sapphic Voices: Masculine Construction in the Catullan Corpus" at the 2013 annual meeting of the American Philological Association. Giovagnoli also took third place in the national Latin prose composition contest. **Hannah Lantz** was elected as national treasurer (*megale chrysohylax*) and **Jordan Dillon** as national vice president (*megas hyparchos*) for 2012-2013. **Bridget Thomas, professor of classics and advisor to Truman's Eta Sigma Phi chapter**, accompanied the students.

**Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history**, gave a talk on "Folklore for the Public: Ballad Scholarship, Revivals, and the Botkin/Dorson Wars" to the Indiana University Folklore Department, March 7 in Bloomington, Ind.

**Huping Ling, professor of history**, has been selected by the University of Saskatchewan as a Role Model Speaker at the College of Art and Science in 2012. She will deliver a public lecture on the "Rise of China and Chinese in North America" on May 15. On March 29 and March 30, Ling will give a series of invited public lectures in Chicago on her newly published book "Chinese Chicago: Race, Transnational Migration, and Community Since 1870." She has been invited by DePaul University for its "Women's History Month Lecture" to deliver a public lecture on "Celestial Women in the Windy City" on March 29. Ling also was invited by the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois in Chicago to give a public lecture on March 30, and by the Chinese American Service League to give a public lecture on "Chinese Community in Chicago."

**Daniel Mandell, professor of history**, had two articles, "Massachusetts" and "Rhode Island," published in Native America: A State-By-State Historical Encyclopedia.

## SIFE PROGRAM HELPS PREGNANT MOTHERS IN AFRICA

Truman Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has established a partnership with Because Every Mother Matters (BEMM) with the goal of helping them improve their business practices.

BEMM works across Eastern Africa to promote health and self-sufficiency, especially for pregnant women. They created a mother sponsorship that "adopts" mothers, established maternal health centers and educated women with health training.

So far, SIFE has created sponsorship packets for African mothers so they may find a sponsor as well as arrange agreements to sell BEMM headbands. SIFE's outlook is to expand BEMM's product line beyond headbands to T-shirts and canvas bags with the BEMM logo. They also hope to reach out to more subjected women.

"I have been privileged to work with the organization founder, Steffany Boster, to have a direct impact on the organization and their future undertakings," said Anna Elzein, the student leading SIFE's efforts. "I am excited to continue this partnership and carry out our plans to help expand BEMM's impact and encourage their mission."

SIFE intends to continue their work with BEMM for the coming years to positively affect the mothers of Africa.

### ALPHA PHI OMEGA BLOOD DRIVE

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
April 3-4  
Student Union Building  
Georgian Rooms

## NOTES

**Truman's campus liaison for the Washington Center will give an informal presentation** at 2 p.m. March 27 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Students interested in participating in a Washington, D.C., internship are encouraged to attend and bring questions.

**Truman's Tunnel of Oppression will take place** from 7-9 p.m. March 27 on the fifth floor of Centennial Hall. The tour sheds light on oppression and injustice.

**The Faculty Lunch-n-Learn series continues** from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 28 in Pickler Memorial Library 103. This session will focus on two GoogleApps used here at Truman: Google Docs and Google Sites.

**No More Ramen: The 20-Something's Real World Survival Guide**, presented by speaker Nicholas Aretakis, will take place at 7 p.m. March 28 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Aretakis will offer advice on jobs, money, balance, life and more. His presentation is sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi and SIFE.

**Women's Resource Center will be having Women's History Trivia** from 7-9 p.m. March 28 in Baldwin Hall 303.

**T.S. Eliot Poetry Prize winning authors will conduct a panel** at 1:30 p.m. March 29 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room and a poetry reading at 7 p.m. March 29 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Their visit is in celebration of the University Press' 25 years of publishing.

**Beta Alpha Psi will provide free income tax assistance** to students and the community from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 31 in Violette Hall 1424. For complete details visit [bap.truman.edu](http://bap.truman.edu) or email [imd6224@truman.edu](mailto:imd6224@truman.edu).

**"Love Deferred: The Problem of Unity in Theocritus' Idyll 22," a presentation by alumna Lisa Feldkamp, Ph.D.**, will take place at 4 p.m. April 2 in Ophelia Parrish 2210. There will be a reception and informal discussion about graduate school immediately following. This event is sponsored by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

### SUB Room Reservation Lottery

Reservation requests for the fall semester will be accepted from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 2-5 in the Student Union Building Reservation Office, Suite 2000. All requests must be submitted in writing on a reservation form. Forms will be available at [studentunion.truman.edu/lottery](http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery).

Confirmations will be mailed out by April 27.

Address all questions to the SUB Reservation Office, 785-4186, or [union@truman.edu](mailto:union@truman.edu).

### FAFSA Applications Due April 1

The 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). It is important to apply before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. The government allows filing with estimates in order to meet early state or institutional deadlines. The FAFSA is also required for Parent (PLUS) Loans. Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103, or call 785.4130 with any questions.

### Special Olympics Buddies Needed

The Students Supporting the Exceptional Community is looking for volunteers to be buddies for the athletes at the Special Olympics, 12-5 p.m. April 21. Buddies will remain with an assigned athlete all day; cheering them on and helping them enter their events. Volunteers can sign up to be a buddy anytime by contacting Kristen Little at [knl7714@truman.edu](mailto:knl7714@truman.edu).

### What Does it Mean to be a Bulldog Video Contest

The Office of Citizenship and Community Standards (OCCS) is now accepting entries for its Bulldog Video Contest. Winning entries will be creative videos that capture the essence of the Truman experience. Specifically: What does it mean to be a Truman student? How do you define the Truman college experience? The OCCS will accept individual or group entries and will award Truman Bookstore gift certificates for the top contestants: first place, \$150; second place, \$100; third place, \$50. Entries will be accepted through March 30. Visit [conduct.truman.edu](http://conduct.truman.edu) for more information and contest rules.

### Pickler Memorial Library

#### Time to write a bibliography?

There are several online resources that can help. EndNote allows users to download citations and then formats them in the selected citation style. Zotero is a similar product, but it only works on Firefox browsers. For examples of how to format bibliographic citations in the three major styles—MLA, APA and Turabian—visit [library.truman.edu/weblinks/citing-sources.asp](http://library.truman.edu/weblinks/citing-sources.asp).

### GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM

#### "Unworking Asia: The Demise of Hand Painted Political Graphics in the Digital Age"

7 p.m. • April 5  
Student Union Building  
Activities Room  
Aaron Fine, professor of art and gallery director

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The Truman community is invited to share in a retirement reception in honor of:

**Ray Barrow**, professor of sociology, retiring after 30 years of service to Truman

**Jonathan Smith**, associate professor of geography, retiring after 18 years of service to Truman

2:30-4:30 p.m. • April 11  
Student Union Building  
Conference Room

### ONE DAY WITHOUT SHOES

The National Communication Association Student Club is hosting the event "TSU One Day Without Shoes" in conjunction with the worldwide TOMS event April 10.

On this day, the club will spread awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life by asking the Truman community to take off their own. Millions of children live without proper footwear, exposing them to injury and disease everyday.

"Shoeless" t-shirts will be available to purchase for \$6. For more information, contact [btw5342@truman.edu](mailto:btw5342@truman.edu) or visit the Facebook Event TSU ONE DAY WITHOUT SHOES.

### "Savages and Throwbacks: Racism and Heterosexism in 20th Century America"

A lecture by professor and author Ladelle McWhorter.

4:30 p.m. • March 30  
Student Union Building  
Activities Room

McWhorter, a professor of philosophy at the University of Richmond, is also the author of "Racism and Sexual Oppression in Anglo-America: A Genealogy."

This event is sponsored by the Jonny and Dave Eisenberg Speaker's Fund, the Department of English and Linguistics and the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.