

# Truman *today*

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## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
April 22-23

Student Union Building  
Georgian Room

Make an appointment at <http://givelife.org> or walk in to give blood.

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## NEWLY ELECTED STAFF COUNCIL

The following individuals have been elected to serve on the Staff Council.

**Academic Affairs Hourly**  
*Kristin Flannigan*

**Academic Affairs Contract**  
*Todd Phillips*

**Academic Support Hourly**  
*Janice Weddle*

**At Large**  
*Mona Davis*

**Student Affairs Contract**  
*Damon Ferlazzo*

## Instructor Rating Surveys Now Available

Truman Students can access instructor survey information during registration. To access a survey, click on the name of a professor while looking at the course list or, search for a course after clicking the 'Instructor Rating Results' link under the My Registration heading in the Student Tab.

For more information contact Lizz Esfeld, president of the student association, at [aee781@truman.edu](mailto:aee781@truman.edu).

## Preussner Named Educator of the Year

Alanna Preussner, professor of English, won top honors at the 20th annual Educator of the Year Banquet April 2.

Preussner began teaching at Truman in 1989. She teaches American Romanticism; Senior Seminar (on American Nature Writers, late 19th century, World War I and Midwestern literature); Mystery; British Literature, American Literature, World Literature, American Studies/The American West; and Applying Literary Theory.

A graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Preussner received her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Students nominate professors for Educator of the Year. Nominees then submit an essay and syllabus to the Educator of the Year committee, which selects the finalist. In addition to Preussner, this year's finalist included: James Cianciola, assistant professor of communication; Alan Davis, professor of accounting; Sherri Palmer, professor of psychology; Datha Dameron-Martinez, professor of business administration; and Matthew Tornatore, professor of foreign languages and linguistics.

Students from Student Government, the Pershing Society and Phi Kappa Phi serve on the Educator of the Year Committee.



Alanna Preussner, professor of English, accepts the Educator of the Year Award from Suzanne Russell, chair of the Educator of the Year Committee, during a banquet April 2.

## Truman Institute to be Headed by Minch

Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication and director of forensics, will become the new director of the Truman Institute.

Under Minch's leadership the institute will develop initiatives and partnerships that will generate revenue and support Truman's mission. These initiatives will include developing mutually beneficial partnerships, expanding Truman's reach to students residing in off-site locations such as St. Louis and Kansas City, developing new on-campus programs to bolster recruiting efforts, and fostering and supporting new modes of course delivery.

"Dr. Minch is the right person to lead the newly constituted Truman Institute," said Troy Paino, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "His problem solving skills, creativity, entrepreneurial spirit and passion for Truman will

make him extremely successful in this critically important role."

In addition to his teaching duties and role as the director of the award winning forensics program, Minch also serves as the dean of the Joseph Baldwin Academy, which is a three-week residential program for academically talented seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Minch was selected as one of the 2002 William O'Donnel Lee Advising Award winners. The award recognizes the dedication and skill of exemplary advisers at Truman.

Minch's education background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, as well as a master's degree in communication, from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., and a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Kansas.

**Enroll in the Professional Development Institute (PDI) Now for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Students enrolled in the PDI can attend career-related programs that will help in life after college and can receive co-curricular credit. The PDI can be completed in as little as two semesters.

Find application information at <http://pdi.truman.edu> and apply in the Career Center.

**Upcoming PDI Events at the Career Center**

5 p.m. April 8

*"Professionalism: More than Just Doing Your Job"*

4:30 p.m. April 21

*"Negotiating Benefits Packages"*

**FINE-TUNING THE RESEARCH PAPER WORKSHOP**  
**3-4:30 p.m. April 9**

- Are you concerned that your good idea just isn't coming out right on the page?
- Does your research paper read like a jumble of ideas?
- Are you less than confident about "your use of research?"
- Do you feel gaps in your logic/development?

Register for the workshop through the Writing Center website at <http://writingcenter.truman.edu/register/classlist.asp>. Registered participants will be e-mailed the location of the event two days prior.

For more information e-mail [write@truman.edu](mailto:write@truman.edu).

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BULLDOG?**

All Truman students are eligible to submit responses regarding how Truman's Community Values have been important to the college experience.

Submission can be completed online, in 500 words or less, at <http://conduct.truman.edu>.

One lucky entry will win a \$100 gift certificate to the University Bookstore.

Entries are due by April 24.

# Children's Literature Festival Returns

Thanks to a generous donation, the Children's Literature Festival returns to Truman April 17. During the Festival, 10 writers and illustrators will be showcased, providing an opportunity to connect area children with books and their authors.

An estimated 1,200 to 1,500 children from grades three through six, in approximately 20 area schools, are invited to participate in 30-minute sessions with the authors and illustrators on Truman's campus.

The Festival was an annual event for 21 years until it was discontinued in 2004 due to severe budget cuts. The Children's Literature Festival Fund was created in 2007 through the leadership and generosity of Travis W. Freeman with a gift he made to the University's "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign. Financial support from the Truman Bookstore is also making the event possible. Pickler Memorial Library is serving as sponsor for the event.

This year's Festival will take place from 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building. All children attending must be pre-registered. University faculty, staff, students and other interested adults are welcome to attend, but they should also be pre-registered. To register,

contact Daisy Rearick at [drearick@truman.edu](mailto:drearick@truman.edu) or 785.4048.

Visiting authors and illustrators include Suzanne Beaky, Joan Carris, J.B. Cheaney, Shane Evans, Cheryl Harness, David Harrison, Amy MacDonald, David Patneau, Barbara Robinson and Mike Thaler. The authors' books are available at the Truman State University Bookstore. An informal meeting and book signing will take place from 3-4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

The Festival will conclude with a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Activities Room. The dinner is limited to pre-registered adults and children accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$10.50. At 7 p.m. author Cheryl Harness will give a presentation.

Additional information about the Festival may be obtained by contacting Sharon Hackney at 785.7366 or [shackney@truman.edu](mailto:shackney@truman.edu), or by going online to <http://library.truman.edu/ChildrensLiteratureFestival.htm>.

For more information about the Children's Literature Festival Fund, contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133 or go online to <http://giving.truman.edu/SpecialInitiatives/ChildrensLiteratureFestival.asp>.

# The Stage is Set for "Jekyll and Hyde"

The Truman theatre department will present "Jekyll and Hyde the Musical," at 8 p.m. April 15-18 in the James G. Severn's Theatre in Ophelia Parrish. A preview night is scheduled for April 14.

The musical was conceived for the stage by Steve Cuden and Frank Wildhorn; book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse; and music by Frank Wildhorn.

"Jekyll and Hyde the Musical," an evocative take of the epic battle between good and evil, is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story about a brilliant doctor whose experiments

with human personality create a murderous counterpart. Convinced the cure for his father's mental illness lies in the separation of man's evil nature from his good, Dr. Henry Jekyll unwittingly unleashes his own dark side, wreaking havoc in the streets of late 19th-century London as the savage, maniacal Edward Hyde.

All tickets must be reserved in advance and can be picked up at the box office in Ophelia Parrish Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. beginning April 7. For more information about the musical contact the box office at 785.4515.

**REGISTER NOW FOR ES 240: MARATHON TRAINING**

The purpose of this course is to help students develop the strength and endurance to participate in a long-distance running event and to foster an understanding of the importance of goal setting and the psychological aspects of competing in an endurance event.

Students will have the option to participate in a marathon or half-marathon but that will not determine the course grade.

**Interested in Joining the Cheerleading Squad?**

Tryouts will begin with a mandatory clinic at **8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**April 18**  
in Pershing Small Gym.

Actual tryouts will be at **9 a.m. April 19.**

For more information and required forms visit <http://cheerleading.truman.edu> or contact Brandi Keller at [bkeller@truman.edu](mailto:bkeller@truman.edu).

**TRYOUT FOR THE 2009-2010 SHOWGIRLS DANCE TEAM**

A mandatory clinic will begin at **8 a.m. April 25**  
in Pershing Small Gym.

Actual tryouts will be at **9 a.m. April 26.**

For more information and required forms visit <http://showgirls.truman.edu>.

# Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded

The Truman State University Foundation awards 10 \$1,500 scholarships annually to students who are participating in a summer, faculty-led study abroad experience.

The students who have been selected as recipients in 2009 will study abroad in various programs, including Bethsaida Archeological Dig and Israel Study tour, Costa Rica Summer Program, Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa, Europe in Transition, Salamanca Program, and Study Abroad in the Philippines.

More than \$615,000 in scholarships has been awarded from the Foundation this year. These scholarships are made possible through generous contributions from alumni, parents and friends of the University. For more information contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133.



University President Darrell Krueger (left), stands with five of the 10 students who received the Foundation Study Abroad scholarships (pictured from left to right) Chelsea Verslues, Javae Nelson, Jessamyn Phillips, Lauren Greenspan and Nicholas Wilson. Not pictured are recipients Hannah Dumey, Abigail Helmick, Jennifer Jackson, Ashley Kiefer and Kelsey Provance.

## NOTABLES

**The Truman chapter of the American Marketing Association** won an award for Outstanding Community Service at the International Collegiate Conference. Four students, Haley Ray, Lisa Buckley, Hannah Siekerman and Olivia Crandall, attended the conference from March 26-29. This is the second year in a row that Truman's AMA has won the Outstanding Community Service award.

**Dana Delaware and David Wohlers, professors of chemistry**, traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah March 20-25 to attend and participate in the 237th meeting of the American Chemical Society. Delaware attended paper presentations primarily directed to the teaching and learning of organic chemistry. As the Councilor of the Mark Twain Local Section of the ACS, Wohlers not only attended the Council meeting but also participated as a member of the committee on Community Activities, the committee with oversight of the National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day activities. Wohlers also volunteered service at the booth of the Office of Public Affairs in the Convention Center in the Exhibit area. As a co-author with Cary A. Supalo and Tom Mallouk from Pennsylvania State University Wohlers presented a poster entitled "Multisensory Learning Experiences for Students Who are Blind or Low Vision in the Chemistry and Science Laboratories." Wohlers gave a report to the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities concerning his involvement in the Workshop, "Excellence Empowering a Diverse Academic Workforce: Chemists, Chemical Engineers, and Materials," sponsored by the National Institutes

of Health and National Science Foundation in February.

**Ronald A. Knight, professor emeritus of mathematics**, had his paper "Some Topological Properties of Generalized Flows" accepted for publication in the "Journal Topology Proceedings."

**In April 2008, Huping Ling, professor of history**, was named the executive editor of the "Journal of Asian American Studies." Under her editorship, the first issue of "Journal of Asian American Studies" (JAAS 12.2) will be out in the next few weeks. Published by Johns Hopkins University Press, the JAAS is one of the premier refereed journals in the field of Asian American studies and it is in the top 25 percent of 300 journals on the electronic database Project Muse. There are Asian American and Pacific Islander studies programs and departments in more than 50 public and private institutions nationwide, Ling has authored and edited 10 books on Asian American studies.

**Rodney Taylor, professor of German**, will have two academic articles reprinted dealing with the German playwright Georg Buchner. The essays entitled "The Convergence of Individual Will and Historical Necessity in Buchner's Danton" and "Buchner's Critique of Platonism in Dantons Tod" will appear in a forthcoming reference work on world playwrights entitled "Drama Criticism," Vol. 35, DC-35. Taylor was also invited to contribute an essay to a special volume in new Buchner scholarship to be published by the prestigious "Amsterdamer Beitrage zur Neueren Germanistik."

### Study Abroad Scholarship opportunity for Kingston University Summer and Fall 2009

A \$300 scholarship is available for Summer 2009 and a \$1,000 scholarship is available for Fall 2009. Deadline for Summer 2009 is April 15 and Fall 2009 is June 1. Contact the Study Abroad Office by phone at 785.4076, e-mail at CIEA@truman.edu, or in-person at Kirk Building 114 for more information.

### STUDENTS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2009 SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SURE)

Mentor, Research Discipline  
**Student**

Matthew Beaky,  
Astronomy/Physics  
**Christine Ankrom**  
**Colleen Campbell**  
**Emily Richens**

James McCormick, Chemistry  
**Michael Brelsford**

Timothy Walston, Biology  
**Terin Budine**

Scott Alberts, Mathematics  
**Stephen Dengel**  
**Joseph Dove**

Vayujeet Gokhale, Physics  
**Zach Haralson**

Mark Campbell, Agriculture  
Science  
**Samah Hassan**  
**Stacy Marshall**

Emily Smith, BioChemistry  
**Kat Kuhn**

Todd Hammond, Mathematics  
**Garrett McCormack**

Michael Lockhart, Biology  
**Sarah Meyer**

Dave McCurdy, Chemistry  
**Kevin Schmitt**

Jason Miller, Mathematics  
**Daniel Sierra**  
**Corinna Warnars**

Russell Baughman, Chemistry  
**Laura Tvedte**

Funded by the National Science Foundation, SURE is an intensive 9-week research experience that pairs early-career students with a Truman faculty member for a one-on-one mentored research project. Students will live and work in a multidisciplinary community of science and mathematics scholars during the summer. In addition to their research, they will attend workshops on personal and professional development, and participate in other community building activities.

### 2009 Summer Orientation Dates

June 5, 8, 12, 17, 22, 26, 29  
August 21

Optional overnights June 7, 26



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 universities who indicate an interest in teaching courses in the above-described areas

in school districts located in Missouri, preferably rural school districts. The scholarship is available to students at the junior and senior levels, as well as graduate students. For further information or an application, stop by the Truman Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103. Deadline for submission is April 15.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

University Counseling Services is currently taking applications for internships that may be used for scholarship hours for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested students should fill out the application available online at <http://ucs.truman.edu>

and return it to University Counseling Services. The internships available are Sexual Assault Prevention Intern and Safe Zone Intern. Review of applications will begin April 10.

# NOTES

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is taking volunteer buddies for the Special Olympics Spring Games. Buddies will volunteer from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. April 18 and work one-on-one with the athletes. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer buddy contact Laura Columbo at [lac6736@truman.edu](mailto:lac6736@truman.edu).

Campus Crusade for Christ will host Carl Werner, author of "Evolution: The Grand Experiment," to present "Why I Abandoned Evolution," at 9 p.m. April 7 in Magruder Hall 2001. Werner will be speaking on why he chose to abandon evolution after he originally started on a quest to prove evolution.

The Leadership Recognition Program Banquet, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement, will be at 7 p.m. April 8 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. This event is designed to honor Truman students, advisors and organizations for their dedication to their peers, campus and the Kirksville community through various leadership roles and events during the year.

The Global Issues Colloquium will continue with a presentation by Jennifer Leigh Disney, from Winthrop University, entitled "Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua" at 7 p.m. April 16 in Magruder

hall 2001. Disney will trace the mobilization of women in two revolutionary contexts, comparing the strategies and outcomes of various organizational forms developed in Mozambique and in Nicaragua over the past 30 years. She will also explore how the military struggles against colonialism and imperialism fostered feminist agency leading to the evolution of each movement and how it changed in a post-revolutionary climate.

The International Club will sponsor an International Fair from 12:30-3:30 p.m. April 17 on the Quad.

A famous Russian pop star will visit Truman in "ProjeKt OsKar" at 1:45 p.m. April 17 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Oskar currently lives in New York and will give a lecture on being an artist in Russia and the U.S.

The Women's Resource Center will host "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, A Prayer," a powerful collection of monologues from men and women about violence against women from Eve Ensler, at 7 p.m. April 17 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre.

Squirrelfest 2009, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement, Residence Life Fun and Spirit Committee, Student Recreation, and Student Affairs, will take place from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. April 18 on the Quad.

# 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.

## Student Union Building Room Lottery

The SUB Reservation Office will be holding a lottery for fall meeting rooms April 7.

Forms can be submitted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 7.

Events requested after April 7 will be entered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmations will be mailed by May 1.

## Seniors: Give your Own "Last Lecture"

Truman seniors can share words of wisdom and what they have learned during their college experience in 1,500 words or less.

Submissions have the chance to be shared with the Truman community or win a \$100 gift certificate to the Truman Bookstore.

To enter visit [http://conduct.truman.edu/form\\_builder.asp?testId=108](http://conduct.truman.edu/form_builder.asp?testId=108).

Submissions are due by April 24.



## Support your fellow students and colleagues!

Come view the Student Research Conference posters in the Library Atrium from 4:15-5:15 p.m. April 7.

Dr. Salima Ikram, SRC plenary speaker and author of "Divine Creatures and the Mummy in Ancient Egypt," will also be in the library from 4:15-4:45 p.m. April 7 for a book signing.

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
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. 28
Track Meet	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 30
Mud Fest	Open	Apr. 27	Apr. 30	May 2
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.