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## WGST COMMITTEE ACCEPTING PAPERS FOR CONFERENCE

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGST) Committee is accepting papers for Truman's 14th Annual WGST Conference, which will take place March 26-28.

The conference is in honor of women's history month. The committee is asking for papers on the topic of men, including masculinity studies, personal experiences of men and the personal observations of women who have thought about men.

The WGST Committee is asking for abstract submissions from all members of the Truman and Kirksville communities. Please send abstracts along with your name, return address, phone number, e-mail address and abstract title to Linda Seidel, Department of English, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO 63501 or [lseidel@truman.edu](mailto:lseidel@truman.edu). Deadline for submissions is Jan. 30.

The conference is scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. March 26-27, and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 28. All sessions will be in Violette Hall 1000.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNITY LUNCHEON JAN. 21

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.  
RSVP to the Public Relations Office at 785.4016.

## Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents Hubbard Street 2

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series continues with the first performance of the semester, Hubbard Street 2, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in Baldwin Auditorium.

Hubbard Street 2 is a company of seven dancers between the ages of 17 and 25 who perform a repertoire of works by some of the nation's most promising young choreographers.

An offshoot of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street 2 has become a respected training ground for young, professional dancers and choreographers since its inception in 1997.

Hubbard Street 2 performances reflect influences ranging from ballet to hip-hop to improvisation, and feature full company work as well as more intimate pieces. Their performances strive to assemble an eclectic body of work, with an emphasis on new creation, in order to expose the audience and the performers to a wide variety of dance techniques.

In addition to several performances a year in Chicago, Hubbard Street 2 reaches more than

35,000 people annually through performances in schools, community centers and theaters throughout the country.

Lyceum tickets are free for all Truman students, faculty and staff. Starting Jan. 20, students may pick up their tickets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Activities Board office in the Student Union Building.

Faculty and staff may pick up their tickets from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the information desk in the Student Union Building. General admission tickets will be on sale at Edna Campbell's and the Truman Business Office, McClain Hall 105, for the costs of \$7 for adults and \$4 for those 18 and under.

For more information go online to <http://lyceum.truman.edu>.



Hubbard Street 2

## Student Ambassadors Accepting Applications

The Student Ambassadors are a group of approximately 150 students whose goal is to promote Truman State University to prospective students and their families. Ambassadors are in charge of visiting with prospective students, giving tours of campus and assisting with visit events.

Student Ambassadors are responsible, energetic, and above all, sincere in their desire to relate all aspects of University life to prospective

students and their families.

Applications are available now and can be picked up in the Admissions Office (McClain Hall 205) or downloaded at <http://admissions.truman.edu/ambassadors.asp>. Completed applications must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 9-20.

For more information contact Jill Graves at [jgraves@truman.edu](mailto:jgraves@truman.edu).

### 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.

## May Interim China Opportunity

Fifteen MAE and pre-MAE students will have the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong and Shuizhai in China's Guangdong Province during the May interim and earn three credit hours.

Students will engage in service-learning, assisting teachers and interacting with Chinese students in English and mathematics at the middle and high schools.

Led by Truman professors, the trip will introduce students to the history of China, and will include visits to museums, factories and private homes.

Interested students can attend the informational meeting. Bring passports to facilitate visa.

4:30 p.m.

Jan. 22

Violette Hall 2351

For more information contact: Jan Grow at [jgrow@truman.edu](mailto:jgrow@truman.edu); Michelle Pickens at [mkp1141@truman.edu](mailto:mkp1141@truman.edu); or Mona Davis at [monad@truman.edu](mailto:monad@truman.edu).

## Student Research Conference Set for April 7

Truman will hold its 22nd annual Student Research Conference April 7. The Conference is a University-wide celebration of student research, scholarship, and creative achievement in all disciplines. All students are invited and encouraged to present their scholarly or creative work.

Abstract submission is required for all presentations and done online at <http://src.truman.edu>. A copy of the submitted information will be sent electronically to the student presenter's faculty mentor for approval. The deadline for submitting abstracts is Feb. 6.

This year has two major anniversaries for students to consider when submitting their applications. Both Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were born 200 years ago.

In addition to the many student presentations, the day will feature a conference-wide plenary address delivered by Salima Ikram, professor of Egyptology at the American University of Cairo, and a world-renowned expert in mummies, both human and animal.

Scheduled classes will not formally meet during the day of the Conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and faculty members to attend and fully participate.

The Student Research Conference also honors those students who received Undergraduate

Research/Scholarship Grants the previous year. Those students present at the Conference, and their papers/posters are highlighted as well as listed on a dedicated page within the program. The deadline for application for stipends for the 2009 summer program is fast approaching.

The University awards more than 40 of these grants every year, which provide students \$2,000 to pursue investigative, creative and scholarly activities over the summer. These projects in past years have included a wide variety of original efforts directed toward the advancement of knowledge and understanding within all academic disciplines.

Grant projects should be original and should promote independent work by the student.

Students at all undergraduate levels are eligible, with the restriction being that students must be prepared to present the results at the Student Research Conference in the spring of 2010.

Guidelines are available at <http://provost.truman.edu/URSGuidelines2009.pdf>. A successful application from last year can be read at <http://research.truman.edu/Student%20Research%20Proposal.pdf>.

For questions about Undergraduate Research/Scholarship Grants or the Student Research Conference, contact Sara Orel, professor of Art, at 785.4419 or [orel@truman.edu](mailto:orel@truman.edu).

## Students to Spend Summer Cycling Across America for Charity Fundraiser

This summer, Truman students Whitey Holt, Clement Warr and Shane Mulrooney will participate in a coast-to-coast cycling event to raise money for charity.

"Journey of Hope" is organized by Pi Kappa Phi's philanthropy Push America, a national not-for-profit dedicated to providing funding and volunteer labor to numerous establishments that assist people with physical and mental disabilities including R.A.I.L, which is a local Center for Independent Living that services Kirksville.

Each of the three students will be raising \$5,000 for this opportunity, and anyone interested

in contributing a tax deductible donation can visit their sponsor pages.

For Whitey Holt <https://secure.pushamerica.org/events/profile.cfm?rID=1150227&ridecode=joh2009>.

For Shane Mulrooney <https://secure.pushamerica.org/donate/teamfr/sponsor.cfm?rID=1150231&ridecode=joh2009>.

For Clement Warr <https://secure.pushamerica.org/donate/teamfr/sponsor.cfm?rID=1141843&ridecode=joh2009>.

To learn more about Push America go online to <http://www.pushamerica.org/>.

### 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](mailto:step@truman.edu).

### 2009 Summer Orientation Dates

June 5, 8, 12, 17, 22, 26, 29, and August 21  
Optional overnights June 7 and 26

### Educator of the Year Nominations

Nominate your favorite professor for Educator of the Year.

Nominations can be made online at <http://senate.truman.edu/EOY-nomination.html>.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Jan. 30.

### Student Adviser Applications Due Jan. 23

Students who are interested in being student advisers for the 2009-2010 school year should apply online at <http://reslife.truman.edu> by 5 p.m. Jan. 23.

## NOTABLES

**Jim Barnes, professor emeritus of comparative literature and former Writer-in-Residence at Truman,** was recently appointed Poet Laureate of Oklahoma. Barnes retired from Truman in 2003 after 33 years of service and was invited to serve as Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing at Brigham Young University for three years. During his tenure at Truman, he taught world literature and writing, and published eight books of poetry, a scholarly book and an autobiography, "On Native Ground" which won the American Book Award. While at Truman he inaugurated "The Chariton Review," a literary journal, and has edited it up to the present time. He continues to serve as poetry editor for Truman State University Press. He also represented the University in his travels to many parts of the world, including Japan, France and Germany. He has held several fellowships, including a Senior Fulbright to Switzerland, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, two Rockefeller Bellagio Fellowships and two Camargo Fellowships. His most recent book of poetry, "Visiting Picasso" was published in 2007 by the University of Illinois Press. In January 2009, he was a special guest of the Poetry Week Festival in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Barnes and his wife, Cora McKown, make their home at the Flying M Ranch, east of Atoka, Oklahoma. More information is available at <http://www.jimbarnes.org>.

**Michael R. Bump, associate professor of music,** has been appointed as Principal Timpanist and Percussion Faculty for the Sewanee Summer Music Festival (SSMF) in Tennessee. This international festival, now in its 52nd season,

brings together hundreds of professional and student musicians from all over the world for a five-week season of orchestral music. Bump's appointment was at the request of Maestro James Pauls, Artistic Director of SSMF and Music Director of the Oregon Coast and Grant Park (Chicago) Music Festivals. In 2005 Bump served a one-year appointment at SSMF with Maestros James Pauls and Victor Yampolsky, director of orchestras at Northwestern University. He now will be on permanent annual contract with the festival.

**Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history,** was cited in the Jan. 19 issue of Newsweek magazine. Hirsch's book, "Portrait of America: A Cultural History of the Federal Writers' Project," was cited in the article "Will Act for Food." Hirsch was also interviewed on the National Public Radio program "On the Media" in December.

**Huping Ling, professor of history,** recently published two books, "Asian America: Forming New Communities, Expanding Boundaries" and "Emerging Voices: Experiences of Underrepresented Asian Americans." In addition, she was invited to give a lecture on "The Chinese Community in St. Louis at the Turn-of-the-Century" by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in its "Joplin's St. Louis" series Jan. 25.

**Sylvia Macauley, associate professor of history,** had her article, "Citizens, subjects or a dual mandate? Artisanal miners, 'supporters' and the resource scramble in Sierra Leone," co-authored with Andrew Keili, published in "Development Southern Africa," Vol. 25, No. 5.

## 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.

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2009 SURE

Students considering a degree in a science, mathematics or computer science discipline can apply for the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) through the Next STEP Program.

Apply online at <http://step.truman.edu/apply>.

Applications are due by midnight Feb. 1.

For questions contact Jennifer

Thompson at 785.7252 or [step@truman.edu](mailto:step@truman.edu).

### 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.

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

### Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) Honor Fraternity Offers Graduate Fellowships, a Literacy Grant to PKP Members, and Study Abroad Grants Available to Any Student

#### Graduate Fellowships

PKP will award 60 \$5,000 fellowships and 40 \$2,000 awards of excellence to PKP members going on to graduate school.

Applications are due Feb. 1 to Maria Di Stefano in the Graduate Office McClain 203.

Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/scholarships/graduatefellowship.html>.

#### Literacy Grant

PKP members or chapters may consider starting a literacy project, or contribute to an existing program and apply for the PKP Literacy Grant of up to \$2,500.

Applications are due Feb. 4.

Details and application materials are available at <http://www.phikappaphi.org>.

#### Study Abroad Grants

Students studying abroad this summer or in the next academic year who have earned more than 30 credit hours and less than 91 credit hours and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 study abroad grant.

Applicants do not need to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Applications are due Feb. 11.

Applications and more information are available at <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/studyabroad.html>.

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# NOTES

**Truman's newly formed National Communication Association Student Club (NCASC) will hold their first meeting** at 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 20 in Violette Hall 1000. During the meeting they will seek student interest in projects, field trips, and service learning. Following the meeting the NCAS will host a reception on the second floor in Violette Hall. The NCAS is open to all communication majors no matter class standing or GPA. For more information visit <http://www.natcom.org/nca/Template2.asp?bid=2601>. For more information about Truman's NCASC contact Barry Poyner, professor of communication at 785.4063.

**The Office of Citizenship and Community Standards will sponsor inauguration coverage of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama** Jan. 20. This historic event will air at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Union Building HUB.

**The Prim Roses will conduct informational meetings** at 7 p.m. Jan. 21-22 in the Student Union Building 3204. Prim Roses is an independent social sisterhood that offers women the chance for friendship, leadership and service. Prim Rose recruitment will take place from 7-8 p.m. Jan. 26-27 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. More information can be found at <http://primroses.truman.edu>.

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

**Bullets Women's Rugby will have an informational meeting** at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Baldwin Hall 284 for female students who are interested in learning about the sport.

**Yakari Yano, assistant professor of music**, will perform a harpsichord recital at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 in

the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

**Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication National Honor Society, will host an informational meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and a game night at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 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 Pre-Dental Club will hold its first open meeting** at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Magruder Hall 2080 for any student interested in perusing a career in dentistry.

**Van driving classes are scheduled** for 2 p.m. Jan. 27-28 in the Public Safety Building. Class sizes are limited. People may reserve a space by calling 785.4177. Participants need to allow a minimum of two hours for this class.

**The Career Center will be the site of the eighth annual Secretary's Tea** at 2 p.m. Jan. 28. Secretaries need to RSVP by Jan. 23 by calling 785.4353 or e-mailing [stephie@truman.edu](mailto:stephie@truman.edu).

**The Professional Development Institute will host Sue Limestall, director of the Student Recreation Center** presenting "Don't Feel the Burn and Brain Food" at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Career Center. For more information and future PDI events visit <http://pdi.truman.edu>.

**Roger Craik, a scholar of English renaissance literature and professor of English at Kent State University**, will be reading poetry at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the University Club House.

**The Campus Leadership Institute (CLI), information night will take place** at 4:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. The CLI is a program that promotes diversity, tolerance, and inclusion for college students.

## 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.

Interested in joining the Romance Language Wing? The **Coin Français** and the **Casa Hispánica**, located in Missouri Hall, are accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. To receive an application or to receive more information, contact Timothy Farley, [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu), for the French wing and Carol Marshall, [carolmar@truman.edu](mailto:carolmar@truman.edu), for the Spanish wing. Deadline for submitting applications for next year is Feb. 15.

## 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.



## STATE FAIR DISPLAY

The Missouri State Fair is always exciting. Come by and see what happens at the fair. Pickler Library has an exhibit of history, awards, activities, contests and entertainment. It features local 4-H members and their projects.

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	
Racquetball-Singles	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 2	
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Jan. 30	NA	Feb. 1	
Racquetball-Doubles	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 9	Jan. 29	Feb. 16	
Taboo	Open	Feb. 16	NA	Feb. 22	

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.