

# Truman *today*

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## TRUMAN PRESS POETRY PRIZE AWARDED

David Livewell, from West Deptford, N.J., is the winner of the 2012 T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry sponsored by the Truman State University Press.

Livewell's winning poetry collection, "Shackamaxon," was selected from nearly 450 manuscripts in the 16th annual competition. Livewell receives \$2,000 and publication of his book, which is scheduled for the fall of 2012.

Livewell works as a medical editor in Philadelphia and has taught poetry courses at La Salle University. His poems have been published in numerous journals, and he has been the recipient of the fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

This year's judge, poet and educator Sandra McPherson said, "[Livewell] writes with a formal 'at-homeness,' with classic rhythm he warms with imagery of the environment he shares with local and national history. Wasps on a baseball diamond, 'flame-cast shadows' singeing walls: Livewell's poems glisten with surprises of light."

Four finalists were also named: Alan Soldofsky, Sarah M. Wells, Katherine E. Young and Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers.

The prize, established in 1996 in honor of Missouri native T. S. Eliot, is an annual award for the best, unpublished book-length collection of poetry.

## Annual Truman Piano Festival to Feature Guest Artist Maria del Pico Taylor

The Truman Department of Music has announced Maria del Pico Taylor as the guest artist for the 29th Annual Truman Piano Festival Feb. 18. Taylor serves on the piano faculty at Temple University Boyer College of Music and Dance in Philadelphia, Pa.

Taylor will conduct a master class featuring Truman piano majors at 9 a.m. Feb. 18 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. She will then deliver a presentation on the Dorothy Taubman technique at 11 a.m. in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The Taubman technique liberates pianists to play effortlessly, unburdened by physical limitations. Based on principles of physiology, the Taubman technique is built on the concept

of coordinated motions of finger, hand and arm movements. Both the master class and the Taubman presentation are open to the public, free of charge.

Taylor was the first Cuban pianist to receive the coveted Canada Council Grant for advanced studies at the University of Toronto, where she graduated with distinction with Artist and Licentiate Diplomas in piano performance and pedagogy. She also has a master's degree in piano performance from Northwestern University.

Her teachers include Paul Stassevitch, Adele Marcus and Dorothy Taubman. She is a frequent presenter of lecture and master classes on the Taubman technique at state and national conventions throughout America.

## Students Create Master's Level Journal

The newly founded journal *The Wide Net* has launched its first issue, which includes research, reviews and creative work written by master's level students from across the country.

Founded in September 2011 by master's students at Truman, *The Wide Net* seeks to foreground the often underrepresented work of master's students in a national journal of English and cultural studies. It is possibly the country's first journal designed expressly for this purpose.

In January, *The Wide Net* released its first issue titled, "Occupying Spaces: Reclaiming Cultural Space for Liberatory Causes." Issue 1.1 examines how space is used in literature and culture in a variety of ways.

Additionally, the issue includes reviews of contemporary poetry, nonfiction and a composition textbook.

As *The Wide Net* nears its second issue, it is dedicated to the goals of publishing the highest forms of academic inquiry, forming a viable network of young academics and reaffirming the value and utility of the humanities.

*The Wide Net* publishes work exclusively online under the auspices of the English and Linguistics Department at Truman and can be found at [thewidenet.truman.edu](http://thewidenet.truman.edu). *The Wide Net* is also on Facebook.

For more information contact Anthony Meyer, Editor-in-Chief at [ameyer@truman.edu](mailto:ameyer@truman.edu).

## Truman Foundation Scholarships Open

Truman State University Foundation Scholarship applications are now available. Approximately \$250,000 is being advertised and will be awarded to current Truman students for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applications are available online and are due by midnight March 14. To learn more, go to [truman.edu](http://truman.edu) and click on Student Life / Money / Foundation Scholarships or visit [secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/](http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/).

## PEER MENTOR POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE

New Student Programs and the School of Business are recruiting Academic Peer Mentors for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The academic peer mentors support the advising staff by providing an academic outreach program to first- and second-year students who are accounting or business administration majors or who are considering these majors.

Applicants must be juniors or seniors by the Fall 2012 semester and must be accounting or business administration majors. A job listing can be viewed on TruPositions under "Academic Peer Mentor." Applications are available in the Business Academic Advising Center in Violette Hall 2413 and are due by March 19.

## Free Kaplan Practice Exams Offered

The Truman Free Practice Test, sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep, will take place Feb. 18. The event allows students and alumni planning on going to graduate, business, law, medical, pharmacy, dental or optometry school to take a free GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, PCAT, DAT or OAT practice exam. Besides seeing their results, attendees will receive a free detailed score report

on their performance and will view a brief test-strategy session.

This year, the event will take place on the Anywhere Live Online Classroom, so Truman students and alumni can attend the event from anywhere with an Internet connection. There is limited space, so enroll soon at [bit.ly/TRUMANSRINGNPT](http://bit.ly/TRUMANSRINGNPT).

## Truman Alumnus Presents on African Music Study

Brendan Loula, Truman alumnus, will give two presentations on African music, entitled "The Gambian Music Preservation Project" at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17 in Ophelia Parrish 2117. The presentation is sponsored by the Truman Department of Music.

The presentation, a joint endeavor between the National Center for the Arts and Culture in Gambia and the Peace Corps, will focus on Loula's work to help preserve fading music traditions in Gambia. The project includes recording session and interviews with dozens of musicians, culminating in a wealth of audio and visual materials.

In addition, Loula will present a session entitled "Jaliya," dealing with the caste of "griots," or historian-musicians in West African

hierarchical societies, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Loula will attempt to give the audience a basic understanding of the complex system of societal structure and music.

At Truman, Loula focused on western music, but incorporated elements of international music in some of his pieces. After graduating, Loula applied for the Peace Corps and was sent to Gambia to serve as a health volunteer for a two-year term. He finished his service working with the Gambian Music Preservation Project, a month-long series of music recording treks. Since returning to the U.S., Loula has been working on securing a place for the recordings in American archives. He plans to pursue a master's and Ph.D. in ethnomusicology in 2012.

All events are free and open to the public.

## Truman Named "Best Value" by Princeton Review

Truman has again been named one of the nation's "Best Value" colleges and universities according to The Princeton Review. Truman is profiled in its newly published book, "The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition," and on [www.princetonreview.com/best-value-colleges.aspx](http://www.princetonreview.com/best-value-colleges.aspx).

The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition, subtitled "The 150 Best Buy Colleges and What It Takes to Get In," features profiles of 75 public and 75 private colleges with detailed information about their campus culture, facilities and financial aid offerings.

The Princeton Review selected its "Best Value Colleges" schools

based on institutional data and student opinion surveys collected from 650 colleges and universities the company regards as the nation's academically best undergraduate institutions. The selection process analyzed more than 30 data points broadly covering academics, cost and financial aid. Cost and financial aid data came from the company's fall 2011 surveys of school administrators. Data on academics came from its fall 2010 through fall 2011 surveys of school administrators. Data from students attending the schools over these years included their assessments of their professors and their satisfaction with their financial aid awards.

### Center for Student Involvement Accepting Leadership Recognition Program Nominations

Nominations for the Leadership Recognition Program are open now through March 14. The Center for Student Involvement is sponsoring this program to honor Truman students, advisors and organizations for their dedication to their peers, campus and Kirksville community through various leadership roles during the year. Nomination information can be obtained online at [csi.truman.edu/lrp/](http://csi.truman.edu/lrp/). For more information on this event, contact the CSI by phone at 785.4222 or by email at [csilrp@gmail.com](mailto:csilrp@gmail.com).

### VIDEO CONTEST: ARE YOU THE MOST INTERESTING STUDENT IN THE WORLD?

The Truman Institute is sponsoring a video contest promoting summer school at the University. First prize is an HD Flip Cam. For complete contest rules and guidelines visit [summer.truman.edu/contest.asp](http://summer.truman.edu/contest.asp).

## NOTABLES

**Dereck Daschke, chair and professor of philosophy & religion**, traveled to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah last month to review independent films for The Journal of Religion and Film. His reviews can be found at [www.unomaha.edu/jrf/Vol16.no1/sundance\\_2012.html](http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/Vol16.no1/sundance_2012.html).

**Roberta Donahue, associate professor of health science**, was recognized by Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority as January's professor of the month. Donahue is the first faculty member to be recognized by Alpha's new program "Professor Payday" that will acknowledge one of Truman's outstanding professors every month.

An original composition by **Warren Gooch, professor of music**, was performed in the 2012 Iowa Composers Forum New Music Festival, hosted by Luther College. "Through a Glass Darkly" for trombone and percussion was performed Feb. 4 by Michael Smith (trombone) and Lars-Erik Larson (percussion).

**Antonio Scuderi, professor of Italian**, had his book "Dario Fo: Framing, Festival, and the Folkloric Imagination" reviewed in the journal CHOICE (January 2012). Professor Steven Botterill of the University of California, Berkeley writes, "Scuderi's relatively brief but well-informed and theoretically savvy contribution goes straight to the top of the list."

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Scholarships are available through Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.**, for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year they awarded more than \$13,000 in scholarships. Two students selected by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri will be submitted to Central Region as an applicant and to National Gardens Club Inc., as a Missouri applicant and will compete for a Central Region and National Scholarship. The application is available at [www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx). The deadline to apply is March 1.

**The J. R. Popalisky Scholarship Fund of the Missouri Section of the American Water Works Association** is now available. This \$1,000 scholarship is to encourage enrollment in educational studies related to career fields associated with water supply. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office in McClain 103. Deadline for submission is March 21.

**U.S. Bank** is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank Student Loan Program are eligible to apply. More information

about this scholarship opportunity can be found at [usbank.com/studentloans](http://usbank.com/studentloans). Deadline to apply is March 31.

**SellUsedBooks.com** is currently accepting applications for their Spring 2012, 500-word essay, "Why I Deserve to Win this Scholarship" contest. More information may be found at [www.sellusedbooks.com/sell-used-books-college-essay.htm](http://www.sellusedbooks.com/sell-used-books-college-essay.htm). Deadline for the \$1,000 scholarship application is April 15.

**The creators of the "Student Award Search Aid" website** are offering a \$1,000 scholarship for 2012. To learn more, visit [www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm). Deadline for application is May 28.

**The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund** is offering its scholarship again this year to all college students. The scholarship awards are based on an essay contest with the subject concerning cancer. The scholarship amounts are \$5,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at [www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp](http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp).

### Truman Bookstore March Madness Basketball Shootout

Earn a discount at the Truman Bookstore on spirit wear this week, just in time for Saturday's game. Take five free throw shots during store hours Feb. 16-18. Make one shot and choose any piece of Truman logo gear at 10 percent off the original price. Two successful shots earn a 20 percent discount; three earn a 30 percent discount; four equal a 40 percent discount; and five score a 50 percent discount.

### U.K. FULBRIGHTS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER COURSES

The U.K. Fulbright Commission announced the opening of an additional Summer Institute to take place at the King's College London Summer School. This three-week program for U.S. undergraduates will center around the theme of the London 2012 Olympics Games.

All Summer Institutes will provide an immersive academic, cultural and social experience for freshman or sophomore American students who wish to deepen their knowledge of the U.K.

The Commission is now offering a total of seven opportunities for U.S. undergraduates. The application deadline is March 16. For more information on each Institute and details on how to apply, visit [www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes](http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes).

### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE BY BETA ALPHA PSI

BETA ALPHA PSI IS SPONSORING VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, A FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION AND ELECTRONIC FILING PROGRAM. THOSE COMING MUST BRING A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, WAGE STATEMENTS (SUCH AS A W-2 OR 1099), A COPY OF LAST YEAR'S FEDERAL AND STATE TAX RETURN AND BANK ROUTING AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT.

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# NOTES

**The Mostly Live Composers Society will present a Valentine's Day Composers' Showcase** at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The concert will premiere musical works written by 10 Truman student composers. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

**"Brighton Beach Memoirs" will run** at 8 p.m. Feb. 15-18 in the James G. Severns Theatre.

**The University Conference** will take place Feb. 16. Visit [provost.truman.edu/University\\_Conference/conference\\_agenda.asp](http://provost.truman.edu/University_Conference/conference_agenda.asp) to view the complete schedule of sessions.

**The Student Research Conference abstract deadline** is Feb. 17. All abstracts can be submitted online at [src.truman.edu](http://src.truman.edu).

**The Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Tournament** will take place Feb. 17-18 in the Student Union Building. There will be competitors from numerous states competing in various events to win state titles and other awards.

**The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present "An English Garden"** at 3 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Quincy Junior High School Morrison Theater. Admission is free for Truman students, faculty and staff with an ID.

**The observatory will host an open house** from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 21 at the University Farm.

**Wind Symphony I will perform** a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

**The Spring Global Issues Colloquium continues** with "Y Ahora Aquí en el Norte" ("And Now Here in the North") at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in Violette Hall 1000.

**Wind Symphony II and Concert Band will perform** a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

**Registration for the Big Event** is open now through March 2. The Big Event will take place March 17. Register online at [serve.truman.edu/bigevent](http://serve.truman.edu/bigevent).

## Pickler Memorial Library

Start with SubjectsPlus

Need to find a "one-stop" directory to useful information sources in almost any discipline?

A good place to start is the library's SubjectsPlus page where you can select from many major disciplines and interdisciplinary areas to locate good starting points for research.

When you don't know where to go, go to SubjectsPlus at [library.truman.edu/subsplus/subjects](http://library.truman.edu/subsplus/subjects).



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**FEB. 21**

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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WILLIAM O'DONNELL LEE ADVISING AWARD

Truman students can nominate an outstanding full-time faculty advisor for the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award.

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 8. Academic Advisors are not eligible for the award.

Contact Marty Eisenberg at [martye@truman.edu](mailto:martye@truman.edu) with questions.

## On-Campus Athletics

**Women's Basketball vs.  
Northwest Missouri  
State University**

Feb. 15  
5:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball vs.  
Northwest Missouri  
State University**

Feb. 15  
7:30 p.m.

**Women's Basketball vs.  
Missouri Western  
State University**

Feb. 18  
1 p.m.

**Men's Basketball vs.  
Missouri Western  
State University**

Feb. 18  
3 p.m.



## ADMISSIONS TELECOUNSELOR

- Telecounselors call prospective students Monday through Thursday evenings to inform them about the Truman experience and answer questions about the admission process.
- Scholarship, institutional, volunteer and work-study positions are available for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Applications are available online at telecounseling.truman.edu, by emailing a request to Kara Humphrey at [karah@truman.edu](mailto:karah@truman.edu) or by picking up a paper copy at the front desk in the Office of Admission (Ruth W. Towne Museum & Visitors Center on the corner of Franklin St. and Normal Ave.).
- Applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 24.

## 2012 Summer Orientation Dates

June  
4 · 7 · 11 · 14 ·  
18 · 22 · 26 · 29

August  
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## Student Ambassador Applications

Student Ambassador applications are now available at [ambassadors.truman.edu](http://ambassadors.truman.edu).

Applications are due Feb. 17.

Contact Jacob Funke at [funke@truman.edu](mailto:funke@truman.edu) with any questions.