

# POINTS OF PRIDE



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

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## **ART**

The **Juried Student Art Exhibition** held at the Center for Visual Arts featured more than 50 works of student 2D and 3D, installation, and video projects. The exhibition was juried by nationally recognized sculptor and gallery owner Kenneth Thompson.

Associate professor **Mysoon Rizk's** interview with Marguerite Van Cook and James Romberger appeared in print. "David Wojnarowicz: A Definitive History of Five or Six Years on the Lower East Side: Interviews by Sylvere Lotringer" was distributed by MIT Press.

Associate professor **Kathy Danko-McGhee** presented two research papers at the Art in Early Childhood Conference at the University of New England in Australia: "Judging Books by Their Covers: Young Children's Aesthetic Preferences for Picture Books" (co-researched with **Dr. Ruslan Slutsky**) and "The Environment as Third Teacher: The Aesthetic Transformation of an Art Learning Environment for Young Children in a Museum Setting."

## **DEAN'S OFFICE**

**Melanie Dusseau**, general studies adviser, presented at two conferences: the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on the First Year Experience and the Great Lakes Region National Association of Academic Advisers. She co-presented with **Jennifer Rockwood**, director of UT's FYE on their project, "Homeroom Citizenship: Service Learning in the First-Year Seminar."

## **ENGLISH**

Fifteen new poems written by **Dr. Rane Arroyo** appeared in five publications. In addition, the Poetry Foundation included his poem "Always" in its online Valentine celebration.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Geology professor **James Harrell** traveled to Sudan as a member of an archaeological salvage team fielded by the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute. He is studying the remains of gemstone jewelry from excavated burials and surveying a possible gold-mining settlement and associated mine workings dating to about 1500 B.C.

The 2006 **promotional brochure** for the Department of Earth, Ecological and Environmental Sciences received a Silver Award at the ADDY Awards sponsored by the Advertising Club of Toledo. **Patrick Giammarco, Amanda Russell** and **Deanna Woolf** in Marketing Communications managed and developed the project.

## HISTORY

The History Department Quiz Bowl Team – **Michael Brooks, Jackie Hinkle, Justin Pfeifer, and Jed Vaccaro** – placed sixth in the District 7 Competition at Ohio University on February 24. Michael Brooks placed second overall for correct answers in the tournament and was named to the All-Region 7 Team.

## LAKE ERIE CENTER

On February, the Lake Erie Center hosted the **National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration conference** on "Harmful Algal Blooms" in the Great Lakes. The focus of the conference – which was attended by 60 people – was on the growing problem of algal blooms and the effect on our drinking water and natural resources.

## MUSIC

**Dr. Jason Stumbo** was chosen as guest conductor for the Ohio Music Educators Association (District 1) Honor Band. Under his direction, more than 100 high school wind and percussion students in Northwest Ohio performed a concert in Stranahan Theater for an audience of nearly 600.

Associate professor **Tim Brakel** presented a research poster on "Content Analysis of Beginning String Method Books" at the OMEA conference on February 9. He also served as an adjudicator for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held by the Indiana State School Music Association on Feb. 17.

Professor **David Jex's** composition "Three Dances for Baritone, Saxophone and Piano" was premiered by **Lynne Klock** (U of Mass.) at the Northeast Regional Conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance held at Pennsylvania State University. He also led a quartet of jazz educators in performances at local elementary schools as part of the Toledo Jazz Society's "Jazz in the Schools" outreach program.

## SOCIOLOGY

Assistant professor **Mark Sherry** was voted Runner-Up in the "Best Professor" category in the 2006 Best of Toledo compiled by the Toledo City Paper.