

# POINTS OF PRIDE



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

• **SPRING 2007** •

## **ART**

Professor **Deborah Orloff** received a CTL Summer Faculty Teaching Fellowship to redevelop art photography. Associate professor **Mysoon Rizk** began serving as visiting scholar, through the end of May, at the Humanities Center at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Associate professor **Kathy Danko-McGhee** was appointed to the executive committee for the *International Art in Early Childhood Research Journal*. Her manuscript, "Floating Experiences: Empowering Early Childhood Educators to Encourage Critical Thinking in Young Children Through the Visual Arts," was published in the *National Art Education Journal*. A second manuscript, "Favorite Artworks Chosen by Young Children in a Museum Setting," was published in the *International Journal of Education Through Art*.

Student **Andrew Maurer** had his abstract, "Sound and Vision: A Conversation" accepted for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Dominican University of California. Former student **Sheree Hovsepian** had her photographs and video on display at a solo exhibition at the Fine Arts Center Gallery at Northeastern Illinois University.

## **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**Dr. Richard Komuniecki** was an invited speaker at the annual meeting of the British Society for Parasitology held in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His paper, "Nematode aminergic receptors: modulators of key behaviors" was coauthored by his spouse, **Dr. Patricia Komuniecki**, a visiting professor at The University of Salford.

**Dr. Brian Ashburner** was selected as a Master Teacher for the College of Arts & Sciences for 2007-09. **Dr. Douglas Leaman** was recognized with a UT Outstanding Research Award.

Fourteen undergraduates presented their research at the annual Biology Undergraduate Research Symposium, and four students received awards: **Amber Young** and **Blase Hennessy** received first place awards, and **Stephanie Coomes** and **Eric Savory** won second place awards.

## CHEMISTRY

**Dr. Ronald Viola** received the 2006-07 Outstanding Research Award.

The UT student affiliate of the American Chemical Society attended the national meeting in Chicago. Undergraduate attendees **Jessica Cruz, Suzette Leininger, Mike Matzke, Matt Pocino, Rebecca Teague,** and **Tiffany Waller** accepted UT's sixth ACS Outstanding Student Affiliate Award and also received the Green Chemistry Award. Graduate Students who presented research results were **Anirban Das, Nick Kingsley,** and **Ryan Rondo.** Faculty members in attendance were **Andrew Jorgensen, Edith Klingberg,** and **Yun-Ming Lin.**

Ph.D. graduate student **Stacy Gates** received a Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship to support her participation in the 2007 Solid State Chemistry II Gordon Research Conference. Student **Rebecca Teague** received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland

## COLLEGE OFFICE

**Gladys Marie Wright,** a student assistant in the Student Services office, received the Community Spotlight Award at the Office of Multicultural Student Services Minority Student Leadership Awards Program. This award acknowledged Gladys's service in the Toledo Young Life organization and her multi-ethnic church in Lima, and her second job providing in-home care for disabled persons.

## COMMUNICATION

Associate professor **Jackie Layng** was named a College of Arts & Sciences Master Teacher for 2007-09. She also published "Corporate Training Media: The Development and Use of an Assessment Model" in *Performance Improvement.* Assistant professor **Don Reiber** won the Lancelot C. A. Thompson Award for student focus, and he was named one of the University's 2006-07 Outstanding Teachers.

Professor **Jim Benjamin** published "Visual Rhetoric in the U. S. Bicentennial Quarter" in the *ANA Journal: Advanced Studies in Numismatics.* Associate professor **Amy Capwell-Burns** presented her paper, "Save the Day, Fall in Love, or Be Frightened: Your Favorite Movie Genre May Affect Your Communication" at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. Associate professor **Paul Fritz** presented "Empowerment Stories Among Latino Undergraduates: Interviewing Family Members" at the Southern States Communication Association Conference in Louisville. Assistant professor **Sumitra Srinivasan** presented her paper, "Negotiating Cultural and Digital Divides" at the National Popular Culture Association in Boston. Associate professor **David Tucker** presented his research on "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: A Review of the Literature" at the national Broadcast Educators Association conference in Las Vegas.

The department hosted a successful **Media Day** on April 18, which brought 183 students from 15 area high schools to campus. On April 28, 52 golfers participated in the first **Alumni Golf Outing,** the proceeds for which will be used to underwrite expenses for students to attend professional conferences.

**Rocket Report**, produced by student **Samantha Smith**, won the Mark of Excellence Award in Television Newscast category in the Region 4 Society of Professional Journalists competition. The **UTTV** student organization won the 2007 UT Songfest. Student **Heather O’Keefe** received an award from the UT Women’s Commission.

## ENGLISH

“Origins of Poetry,” an exhibition of visual poems and stamp art by professor **Joel Lipman**, was on display throughout April at Milwaukee’s Woodland Pattern Literary Center, and was a featured stop during the city’s Riverwest Spring Gallery Day.

Assistant professor **Andrew Mattison’s** first book, *Milton’s Uncertain Eden*, was published in April.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES / LAKE ERIE CENTER

*Railroad Depots of Northeast Ohio*, the third in a series of books about railroad stations authored by associate professor **Mark Camp**, is now in bookstores. As past president of the Ohio Academy of Science, Mr. Camp presided over the 2007 OAS Board of Directors meeting and judged pre-college posters at the OAS annual meeting.

**Dr. Carol Stepien**, director of the Lake Erie Center, was awarded two new National Science Foundation educational grants for research work in the Great Lakes Genetics Laboratory.

**Dr. Tom Bridgeman** identified a new blue-green algae bloom that washed ashore in Maumee Bay and renders the shoreline unusable for recreation. The discovery was reported in the local news and is being analyzed for toxin content. Retired geology professor **Craig Hatfield**, an expert on petroleum resources, was interviewed for The Oil Drum, an online site focused on energy and the future.

Graduate students **Jessica Brandenberry**, **Mario Castaneda**, **Patricia Gallant**, **Tammy Henry**, and **Abby Norton**, and undergraduate **Matt Weller** presented results of their research at the North Central/South Central annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Lawrence, Kansas. Ph.D. student **Kristen DeVanna** received a research grant from the Sigma Xi Science Honor Society for her project, “Borrowing mayfly habitat choice: Effects on fish foraging.”

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

On March 30, more than 200 students and their teachers attended the department’s annual **Foreign Language Competition Day**.

Professor **Ruth Hottell** (French) had two articles published in March: “The 28th International Women’s Film Festival in Créteil, France” in *French Review*, and “Simone Veil” in *Jewish Women*.

At the Ohio Foreign Languages Conference in Cleveland, associate professor **Linda Rouillard** (French), professor **Debra Stoudt** (German), and associate professor **Kathleen Thompson-Casado** (Spanish) gave presentations as part of a panel, “Applying Business

Concepts and Practices to Foreign Language Learning.” Visiting instructor **Gaby Semaan** (Arabic) gave two presentations: “Jumping Out of the Textbook: Kinesthetic Learning, Dialogue Journals, and Gaming” with **Veronica Jayne** and **Kathryn Plath**, and “Arabs and Arab Americans: The People and Culture Behind the Name.”

## HISTORY

As part of the **Engaged History Lecture Series**, Dr. David Oshinsky from the University of Texas, the 2006 Pulitzer Prize-winning author in history for *Polio: A Look at America's Most Successful Medical Crusade*, spoke to an audience of more than 200 on April 11.

**Dr. Peter Linebaugh** was a featured scholar in a BBC documentary series, “Racism: A History” which was broadcast in England. **Dr. Glenn Ames’** new book, *The Globe Encompassed: The Age of European Discovery, 1500-1700*, was published in March.

**Dr. Diane Britton** received a University Women’s Commission Professional Development stipend to attend the annual meeting of the National Council on Public History, where she will co-present a paper, “Rediscovering a Visual Past: The Diversity Portraiture Project at the University of Toledo.”

**Steve Littleton**, a Ph.D. student, coordinated the District I History Day Competition on March 24, where more than 110 students from area local junior high and senior high schools competed.

**James Seelye**, Ph.D. graduate assistant, presented a paper, “John Francis Bannon: The Padre of Historians,” at the Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha. Doctoral student **Gregory Robinson** presented a paper, “The Archetype Entitled the Trickster: A Study in American Indian Mythology” at the Paul Lucas Conference in History at Indiana University, while doctoral candidate **John Nelson** presented a paper, “The Berkhofer Duality Revealed in the Western Films of John Ford and John Wayne.” Mr. Nelson’s paper, “Lucy Markerly: A Case Study of an Englishwoman’s Immigration to the Western Reserve in the 1830s,” was the featured article in the recent edition of the *Northeast Ohio Journal of History*.

## MUSIC

Professor **Gunnar Mossblad’s** arrangement of John Coltrane’s “Meditations Suite” was performed at the Paris Conservatory. Associate professor **Erik Johanson** was a featured tenor soloist with the Wichita Symphony.

Professor **Raymond Marchionni’s** paper, “Robert Schumann: Original Among Music’s Romantics,” was published as a chapter in the book *Creativity, Madness and Civilisation*.

## PHILOSOPHY

On April 4, Dr. **Mashhad Al-Allaf** gave the first annual Islamic Studies lecture, “The Importance of Islam to the West.”

Distinguished professor **James Campbell** co-edited a volume of essays on the thought of a major contemporary American philosopher: *Experience As Philosophy: On the Work of John J. McDermott*.

## PHYSICS

The UT chapter of the **Society of Physics Students** was featured on the website of the national SPS organization.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Four graduate students – **Amanda Boyd, Collin Glenn, Rachael Hinkle, and Jing Nie** – presented papers at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

## THEATRE & FILM

The screenplay “Calvin and Claudius” by film student **Scott Gleine** made numerous cuts in both the American Screenwriting Associate International Screenplay Competition and the Austin Film Festival Screenwriting Competition.

Film students won two of the four Arts & Sciences Dean's Essay Prizes: **Nate Pinsoneault** won in the Long Prose category with “Where the Mothman Flies,” and **John Hendershot** won in the Creative Expression category with his film “You and Me.”

**Dr. Stephanie Tuszynski** published “A Cold War Cautionary Tale: Heterosexuality and Ideology in William Wyler's Ben-Hur” in the *Journal of Popular Film & Television*. Lecturer **Irene Alby** directed Brad Fraser's “Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love.”

## WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

Two small mixed media works by assistant professor **Ashley Pryor** were accepted into the “Cut and Paste” exhibit at the Sixth Street Gallery in Vancouver, Washington.