Noted media veteran to speak at Black History Month kickoff Feb. 8

By Cynthia Nowak

Yanick Rice Lamb developed a professional voice that served her well over a long career in the communications industry. However, her personal mission is directed toward those whose voices are often drowned out or ignored.

“My aim is to give voice to the voiceless,” she said. “I strongly believe in the power of the written word to do that.”

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the award-winning journalist and author will share her insights on how young people can develop their own voices to realize their dreams. Rice Lamb will speak at the Black History Month kickoff event, which will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

A soul food luncheon will be served after her presentation.

Rice Lamb, who earned degrees from Ohio University and Howard University, is an associate professor of journalism at Howard, as well as coordinator of the Print/Online Journalism Sequence.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Rice Lamb started her communications career with The Blade, where she first worked as a copy editor before becoming a reporter. She subsequently joined The Atlanta Journal-Constitution before she was hired at The New York Times.

She moved into magazines, first as senior editor for Child Magazine then as editor-at-large for Essence Magazine, before joining Black Entertainment Television (BET) in 1995, serving as editor-in-chief, editorial director and as a vice president. As founding editor of “BET Weekend,” she was responsible for the program’s editorial management. She also managed BET Publishing Group’s magazine Heart & Soul, taking on the roles of associate publisher and editorial director.

Last year, she was interviewed by The History Makers, which houses the nation’s largest African-American video and oral history collection. She’s also one of the founders of FierceforBlackWomen.com, an online site she described as “designed to captivate busy, dynamic black women in the prime of their lives.”

Rice Lamb’s presentation titled “Socially Accepted: Where Are We Now?” looks both back and forward to inspire young people who may feel marginalized.

Tie One On with Rocky!

Be there when UT attempts to set a new world record for the most bow ties tied simultaneously! This year’s Tie One On event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena when the UT men’s basketball team takes on rival Bowling Green. Donate $100 and receive a bow tie and ticket to the game; the cost is $20 for students. Proceeds will benefit cancer care, awareness and outreach at UT Medical Center. Contributions are tax-deductible. Sign up at utledo.edu/tieoneon.

Parting gift

President Lloyd Jacobs, right, presented Dr. Jeffrey Gold with a glass bowl made by local artist Mark Wagar at his farewell reception last week. After nine years leading the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences and UT Medical Center, Gold will join the University of Nebraska to serve as chancellor of the institution’s medical center.

University of Toledo student-athletes earned a grade point average of 3.145 fall semester.

It is the 10th consecutive semester in which UT student-athletes earned a combined GPA of 3.1 or higher. Additionally, 12 of UT’s 15 sport programs earned team GPAs of 3.0 or above.

Individually, 29 student-athletes earned president’s list honors with a perfect 4.0 GPA, while 35 percent (128 of 345) earned a spot on the dean’s list by garnering at least a 3.50 GPA. Additionally, 65 percent of UT student-athletes achieved a 3.0 grade point average or better for fall semester.

Women’s golf had the highest team GPA at 3.625. Baseball had the highest GPA for a men’s team with 3.435.

“UT student-athletes have consistently excelled in the classroom, and this past
Guests slated for Feb. 5
UTeach Inside

Join University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs and host Larry Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, for UToledo Inside Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Trimble Lounge.

Guest Mike O’Brien, vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics, will help Burns and Jacobs preview UT’s Fourth Annual Tie One On event at the men’s basketball game at Wednesday 7 p.m.

Jefferson Award honorees Yelena Zhernovskiy, Andrew O’Donnell, Cindy Reinsel and Hannah Konnagen will be recognized.

Dr. William Messer, UT’s new vice president for research, will discuss the path he sees University research taking in the years ahead. He will be joined by Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, associate professor of pharmacy, and Dr. Michael Weintraub, associate professor of environmental sciences, who will discuss their research efforts.

Provost Scott Scarborough will be joined by Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, dean of the Judith Herb College of Education, and Daniel Steinbock, dean of the College of Law, to discuss the college strategic plans being developed and implemented.

As UT begins its budget development process, David Morlock, executive vice president for finance and administration, will discuss the timelines and conversations that will lead to UT’s fiscal year 2015 budget.

And, as always, Jacobs will answer questions in person, through UT’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, and through email at townhallquestions@utoledo.edu.

UToledo Inside will be streamed live at video.utoledo.edu. Shows are archived on UT’s YouTube account.

East Parking Ramp to reopen Feb. 3

The top level of the East Parking Ramp will reopen Monday, Feb. 3, following the completion of emergency structural repairs.

“We appreciate the patience and understanding of our UT students and employees as we made these emergency repairs,” said Daniel Klett, university architect in Facilities and Construction. “The parking ramp closures were a necessary inconvenience to ensure the safety of the UT community and campus visitors.”

Ongoing maintenance and repair work will continue in the parking ramps. Those using the structures are reminded to be careful when walking or driving near areas where repair work is taking place and to never cross the barricades around construction zones.

The University has worked on portions of both parking garages beginning in September when contractors conducting inspections as part of scheduled maintenance discovered the need for emergency repairs. Temporary emergency measures were implemented immediately and resulted in partial closures for the remainder of fall semester.

The West Parking Ramp and the lower three levels of the East Parking Ramp opened Jan. 6 while the top level remained closed for needed repairs.

RecycleMania kicks off

The University of Toledo will continue its effort to become a more environmentally friendly campus with RecycleMania, an eight-week competition for schools across the United States and Canada.

UT joined more than 300 schools participating in the contest, which began Feb. 2.

Items that can be recycled include electronics, office paper, magazines, aluminum and plastics.

At the close of each week, UT will submit the weight of recycled materials collected to be ranked in various categories, including the most overall recycled.

The winning schools will be recognized nationally and receive an award that is made out of 100 percent recyclable materials.

UT and other Mid-American Conference schools also compete against each other to see which can recycle the most. Last year, UT placed in the top three of the MAC division in the categories of paper, corrugated cardboard and plastic bottles.

The University also will host a campus contest between residence halls. Parks Tower won last year’s competition, followed by International House and Carter Hall. The winning residence hall will receive a plaque and another prize that has yet to be determined.

“We want to inform people about the positive effects recycling can have,” Brooke Mason, interim sustainability specialist, said. “We hope people will establish good recycling habits during the competition and that they will continue to reduce, reuse and recycle after the competition ends.”

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the competition, Mason added.

For more information, visit recyclemania.org or contact Mason at brooke.mason@utoledo.edu.

Photo by Daniel Miller
Trustee/professor emeritus to share love story at downtown library event Feb. 12

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library’s Open Book series will feature a talk about an eternal love story by a Toledo author.

Dr. S. Amjad Hussain will discuss With Whom Shall I Talk in the Dead of Night, a book of letters written to his deceased wife, published last year by The University of Toledo Press.

He wrote the letters to his wife, Dottie, who died of cancer in 2006 after a partnership of 38 years. The talk will take place Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Main Library McMaster Center, 325 Michigan St.

Hussain, who was appointed to the UT Board of Trustees in 2007, is professor emeritus of thoracic cardiovascular surgery at the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences, where he has been a volunteer faculty member for 33 years.

Dottie was a 1964 graduate of the Maumee Valley Hospital School of Nursing who went on to a 32-year career as a staff nurse and a critical care nurse at the former Medical College of Ohio Hospital.

Hussain said the idea for writing the book came to him as a way to cope with the overwhelming sense of loss he felt after his wife’s death. He wrote the letters to Dottie as if she was on an extended trip.

“For two years I wrote to her from likely and unlikely places — parks, airplanes, mountain hikes and my favorite chair in my bedroom — to share with her what was happening in my life after passing and also to reaffirm my love for her. It was soothing and healing,” Hussain wrote in the introduction to the book.

The book is not only an expression of one man’s grief, but also a celebration of the life he lived with his wife and since her passing. Hussain describes both the mundane and the eventful, from the evolution of the lives of his children to his own travels to his home country of Pakistan and his intellectual pursuits.

It also includes email from readers of Hussain’s columns that appeared in The Blade. “There will be two recipients of the Outstanding Adviser Award, each receiving $1,500,” Fitzgerald said. “The philosophy statements are important; they demonstrate the objectives an adviser has when working with students and what academic advising means to them.”

The award was developed in 1986 for advisers who effectively demonstrate interpersonal skills, educate and empower students to make informed academic decisions, prioritize their commitments to maximize academic success, and who are knowledgeable of UT policies and resources.

Past recipients are not eligible to win the same award.

Those interested in nominating an outstanding adviser can do so at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/adviser_award.

The annual UT Outstanding Adviser Awards Reception will be held Monday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

For more information, contact Fitzgerald at christina.fitzgerald@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4407.

With Whom Shall I Talk in the Dead of Night

For more information, contact the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library at 419.259.5200 or the UT Press at 419.530.2170.
UTMC physician publishes first urology book of its kind

By Samantha Watson

Before now, there wasn’t a definitive guide to post-prostatectomy incontinence procedures.

Dr. Ajay Singla, professor and director of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at UT Medical Center, has changed that. After working on *Post-Prostatectomy Incontinence: A Clinical Guide* for more than five years, he saw the book published in December.

“It has been a passion of mine because I knew that there has been no book written so far,” Singla said. “This problem has been getting a lot of visibility and awareness because more prostatectomies are being done for prostate cancer.”

Each chapter of the book discusses a different surgery option for incontinence in men who have had their prostate removed. The chapters go into detail about that surgery option — how to perform it, when it should be used, what it best treats and more.

“It’s usually handy to have a guide for residents, physicians in training and physicians who manage these patients on a day-to-day basis,” Singla said. “It’s a complicated and sometimes controversial issue regarding what to do with these patients, especially when there are so many procedures available for one problem.”

Each chapter in the book edited by Singla was written by the expert on that particular surgery so that the information is as accurate as possible. The forward of the book was written by Dr. George Webster, a urologist at Duke University Hospital.

Singla met many of these physicians at urology conferences all over the world. He started contacting the experts about the book and gathering content when he worked at Wayne State University and continued when he joined UT.

The book is available through Barnes & Noble. Singla already has started work on the second edition, which he hopes to release later this year.

Other faculty members in the Department of Urology also have had books published recently. Dr. Steven H. Selman, professor and chair, wrote *Converting Data Into Evidence*, which looks at statistical techniques medical practitioners encounter in their careers.

And Dr. Ronney Abaza, a former resident at UTMC, wrote a book called *Robotic Renal Surgery* that explores robotically performed surgeries on kidneys with both benign and malignant conditions. Dr. Samay Jain, UT assistant professor of urology, contributed a chapter to the book.

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“I plan to talk to them about going after their dreams, making the most of their lives,” Rice Lamb said. “Dreams are challenged by economic conditions and other circumstances, but there are many, many stories of everyday people who overcame the odds — stories from their own families, and the families of others.

“A lot of generations tend to think that everything starts with them, but there are a lot of inspiring backstories out there.”

The kickoff event is sponsored by The University of Toledo, Study Hour Club and the Toledo chapter of The Links Inc., and will include musical performances by the UT Gospel Choir.

The event is free to UT students, faculty and staff, but a ticket must be obtained by calling the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261 or emailing oemss@utoledo.edu.

Tickets for members of the public are $20 and may be purchased at Inkjet Express, 4895 Monroe St., or by calling 419.367.0408 or emailing jackcrock@yahoo.com.

SPIRITED SPEAKER: Diane Nash, who played a key role in the Freedom Rides during the civil rights movement, received a UT sweatshirt from Robert Delk, president of the Black Student Union, and Anapatricia Marquez, vice president of the Latino Student Union, after recently speaking to students. She also gave the keynote address during this year’s Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth.
Piano series concert to feature classical, children’s music

By Angela Riddel

Dr. Jerry Wong will visit the University for the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series.

Wong will present a master class Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. and a recital Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. The free, public events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Part of the Sunday recital program will explore classical music’s childlike side with three pieces from Debussy’s suite, “The Children’s Corner” and Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf.” Adding a bit of dramatic weight to the program will be Liszt’s “La Lugubre Gondola” and his “Liebestod” (love-death) from Wagner’s opera “Tristan and Isolde.”

Wong has been described by Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Martin Bernheimer as “eloquent and elegant … [with] passion and introspection … sensitivity and a finely honed sense of style” and praised by the Orange County Register for “clean technique, forthright sound and a straightforward approach to classical textures.”

In addition to his recordings, Wong has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Prix-Ville de Fontainebleau, which was presented by French classical pianist and conductor Philippe Entremont.

A graduate of Indiana University, Peabody Conservatory and the Manhattan School of Music, Wong is an associate professor of piano at Kent State University.

For more information on the series, contact Dr. Michael Boyd, UT professor of music, at michael.boyd@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2183.

Zooming in

Film director Brett Leonard showed the trailer for the Toledo Troopers’ film titled “A Perfect Season” to students in the Video II class last week in the Center for Performing Arts. He said the movie will be shot this spring and summer in the area, including in the Glass Bowl and at Northview High School in Sylvania, and that internships will be available.

The film will chronicle the women’s professional football team that won consecutive national championships from 1971 to 1977. Leonard, a Toledo native regarded as one of Hollywood’s influential filmmakers, has directed “Remember the Titans,” Washington, Anthony Hopkins and Russell Crowe.

Students: Submit artwork for juried exhibition

The Department of Art will present its annual Juried Student Exhibition from Friday, Feb. 21, through Saturday, March 29, in the Center for the Visual Arts Main Gallery on UT’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

All UT students are invited to submit entries for consideration Thursday and Friday, Feb. 13-14. Entry forms and more information on the free, public exhibit are available online at http://utoledo.edu/juriedstudentexhibit.

An opening reception and awards ceremony will be held Friday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery.

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Seats still available in Culture Building Institute Diversity Certificate Program

By Leisha Lininger

Back by popular demand, the Culture Building Institute Diversity Certificate Program will continue to offer training sessions beginning this month.

Hosted by the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, the certificate program aims to enhance the UT campus culture via discussions, trainings, role-play scenarios, guest speakers and book discussions.

“In addition to the traditional classroom workshop-style sessions, we have been adding in a few experiential learning sessions with great response,” said Jeff Witt, program manager in the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, and coordinator for the diversity certificate program. “This semester, the experiential learning sessions include the film “Half the Sky,” a docent-guided tour in the Toledo Museum of Art, a lecture from author Michael Kimmel, and a book discussion focused on race relations.”

With a program offering similar to fall 2013, participants need to complete the seven mandatory sessions and four of the seven optional sessions. The mandatory sessions include trainings on social psychology and diversity, global citizenship, supplier diversity and minority business development, measuring diversity, harassment and bullying, interpersonal communication, and disability awareness: reasonable accommodation and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Optional sessions include a film screening, LGBTQ training, art museum tour, gender equality lecture, and discussions on aging, race, religion and gender identity.

“I most enjoyed learning about the supplier diversity and minority business development programs,” said Carol Bryan, UT instructor in the College of Nursing, who received the diversity certificate last fall. “Opening doors and supporting our diverse students in their business and professional ventures as well as working with community-based minority business development programs support the relevance of UT in the local community, northwest Ohio and ultimately the global marketplace.”

Sixteen people completed the diversity certificate program last fall, bringing the total number of graduates to 35 since it began in spring 2013. Even though the training takes about 45 hours to complete, participants can opt to complete the certificate requirements over two semesters instead of one.

“I really enjoyed participating in the Culture Building Institute Diversity Certificate Program as it not only allowed me to further educate myself, but also introduced me to new people across all campuses of UT,” said Kari Dilworth, success coach in YouCollege, who received the diversity certificate last fall. “It is a very flexible program that I was able to complete over two semesters, and I would recommend it to everyone at UT no matter what your position.”

“We are proud that this certificate aligns with the mission and core values of the University and that it is the only program of its kind in northwest Ohio,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and chief diversity officer.

The certificate program is free to all UT faculty and staff. To find out more or to register, visit utoledo.edu/diversity/training and download the diversity certificate registration form. The completed form should be sent to Eva Curtis in the Office of Quality and Continuous Learning, mail stop 103.

The deadline to register for the spring diversity certificate program is Monday, Feb. 10, but participants of individual sessions can register up to a week prior to the program. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information on the program or sessions, contact Witt at 419.530.8573 or jeffery.witt@utoledo.edu.

For questions regarding registration, contact Curtis at 419.530.2036 or eva.curtis@utoledo.edu.

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Eberly Center Lecture and Film Series

SCREENING OF THE FILM: HALF THE SKY

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Health Education Building Room 100, Health Science Campus

“For a woman in a developing country, giving birth can be one of the biggest threats to her life...”

Join us for a screening of the internationally acclaimed “Half the Sky” documentary. The event will focus on maternal mortality and genital cutting. A panel discussion with local experts will follow. Light refreshments will be provided; this event is free and open to the public.

Thank you to our partners: University Libraries, Office of Global Health, the College of Medicine and Life Sciences Office of Student Affairs and Vice Chancellor with the HSC Student Services Center.
See you at football signing day Feb. 5

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo football coaching staff will host a special presentation of its 2014 recruiting class in Savage Arena Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m.

All Rocket fans are invited to attend the free event. A concession stand will be open to purchase snacks and beverages.

Head Coach Matt Campbell and his assistant coaching staff will announce their 2014 recruiting class and show video highlights of each signee at the event.

Feb. 5 is the first day that high school seniors are allowed to sign national letters of intent.

The event will be streamed live on utrockets.com.

Each of UT’s last four recruiting classes have been ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the Mid-American Conference by Rivals.com and Scout.com.

Student-athletes

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semester was no exception,” said Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien. “For the past 10 semesters, our student-athletes have earned a combined grade-point average of at least 3.1, which I think is a tremendous indication of our dedication and commitment to academics. Our student-athletes should be applauded for their efforts, and we should also commend the coaches, athletic department academic staff and University faculty members who support and nurture their pursuit of excellence.”

UT student-athletes have won the Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award in each of the past two seasons. The award is given to the MAC school with the highest overall institutional GPA in sports sponsored by the conference.

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UT Federal Credit Union offers $5,000 in undergraduate scholarships for members

The University of Toledo Federal Credit Union is giving 2014 high school graduates or current college students the opportunity to win $5,000 in scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year.

The number of scholarships granted within the $5,000 limit will depend on the number of students who apply.

In order to qualify, the applicant must be a member of the UT Federal Credit Union in good standing, be either a college student or a high school student expected to graduate in 2014, and planning to pursue an undergraduate education at least part time.

Eligible participants must complete an essay in 750 words or fewer in response to these questions: “In our current economic climate, what can credit unions do to help make a difference in our communities? What have you personally done to help make a difference in your community?”

All essays will be judged by the credit union board of directors on originality, grammar, attention to detail and specific examples.

The entry deadline is Friday, March 7. Winners will be announced Wednesday, April 2, and will be recognized at the credit union’s 50th anniversary annual meeting Friday, May 9.

The application can be printed from uoftfcu.com through the scholarship information link on the left side of the page.
AGREEING TO DISAGREE:
THE POWER OF SACRED DISSENT
UT’s Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue

Free delicious dinner for interested students before the Dialogue at 5 to 6:30 pm at the Hillel House, 2012 Brookdale (just West of the Law School and Lot T3). Students of all perspectives about religions welcome. RSVPs appreciated though not required to cdu@utoledo.edu.

Monday, February 10
7-9 p.m., Ingman Room
The University of Toledo
Main Campus, Student Union

REFLECTIONS BY:
Dr. Peter Feldmeier, Ph.D., the Thomas and Margaret Murray & James J. Back Professor of Catholic Studies, The University of Toledo

Dr. Ovamir Anjum, Ph.D., the Imam Khatib Chair of Islamic Studies, The University of Toledo

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY:
Devorah Schoenfeld, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Theology (Judaism), Loyola University Chicago

Dr. Schoenfeld will explain the venerable Jewish practice of havruta, a form of learning that involves pairs to dispute the interpretation of a text. We will then divide into pairs to practice havruta on the spot, and close with reflections on sacred disagreement in the Christian and Muslim traditions. Free dessert reception opens the event, All are welcome.

This event is made possible by generous donations from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo Campus Ministry.