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Two Distinguished University Professors named

By Aimee Portala

wo UT faculty members have been recommended to receive the rank of Distinguished University Professor.
They are Dr. Laurie A. Dinnebeil, Judith Herb Endowed Chair of Inclusive Early Childhood Education in the Judith Herb College of Education, and Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the College of Business and Innovation.

The honorees were selected from 11 nominations submitted to the Academic Honors Committee.

Dinnebeil, a faculty member at the University for 21 years, has a national reputation in special education, and has distinguished herself with her exceptional record of teaching excellence, extramural funding, service on national boards, and leadership of national organizations. She is nationally recognized for her advocacy in the field of early childhood special education and early intervention.

She is a recognized authority in an emerging model for preschool special education service delivery that focuses on intervention with young children in inclusive, community early learning centers and family homes. Her body of work has been cited in more than 600 academic works, including many in top-tier journals. In support of her research, she has garnered





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Collaborating for affordable education



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan is joined by, from left, Owens Community College President Mike Bower, Northwest State Community College President Thomas Stuckey and Terra State Community College President Jerome Webster to sign a memorandum of understanding to create a consortium aimed at making college more affordable for students and families. The consortium will coordinate and identify efficiencies across academic, financial and administrative operations and ensure regional workforce development while building on existing initiatives already under way between regional higher education institutions. Watching the signing ceremony were, from left, Chuck Lehnert, UT vice president of corporate relations; James Tuschman, chair of the Ohio Board of Regents; and UT Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Zerbey.

Three-peat for UT Pershing Rifles Troop

By Kevin Bucher

he motto: Make it work.

The Pershing Rifles Troop L-1 at The University of Toledo did just that when it participated in the 2015

John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition and won the championship cup for the third year in a row.

Last-minute substitutions, on-the-spot choreography, and impromptu planning were some of the obstacles the unit had to overcome.

"We are really dedicated; we put in a lot of time and effort practicing five to six times a week. We wanted to prove to ourselves and everyone that we were still the best, and that is what we did at the national competition," said Michael Gonyea, a junior majoring in supply chain management.

The UT troop took first place in squad regulation, squad exhibition and duet exhibition drills, which are choreographed routines that showcase techniques and maneuvers

UT also earned second place in color guard and platoon exhibition drills, where cadets perform a series of specific commands and are judged on each individual movement they make.



TOP GUNS: The UT Pershing Rifles Troop L-I showed off the championship cup and trophies it won at the recent John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition.

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Reach Out and Read partners with Delta Dental to provide books to families

By Aimee Portala

elta Dental of Ohio is teaming up with Reach Out and Read to launch a yearlong pilot project in the state that will promote good oral health and reading together for children ages 6 months through 5 years during routine wellchild visits to the doctor.

As part of the pilot, medical providers who participate in Reach Out and Read will integrate oral health information into their young patients' routine visits. The program will impact approximately 7,000 Ohio children and their parents.

During these checkups, each patient will receive a brand new, developmentally appropriate book, while their parents hear individually tailored guidance on how to use the book at home to both promote early literacy and establish good oral health habits. Parents will gain increased knowledge about how good brushing and reading habits are important for a child's oral and overall health and well-being, as well as school success.

"The partnership between Reach Out and Read and Delta Dental will allow medical providers in Ohio to blend critical guidance of two very important routines in a young child's day — oral health and reading aloud," said Lori LeGendre, director for the local and state initiatives of Reach Out and Read and program logistics consultant for the Delta Dental collaboration. "Both are key factors in good school attendance and school success later in life."

The oral health pilot project will take place at three host locations in Toledo, including UT Health Rocket Pediatrics.

Reach Out and Read of Northwest Ohio, coordinated by The University of Toledo Department of Pediatrics, is established in 22 medical offices in the region. The local program distributes more than 25,000 new books each year, and it seeks to partner with area programs and organizations to promote awareness of the importance of early literacy.

Reach Out and Read, a national evidence-based program focused on improving literacy, was founded in 1989. By 2001, dramatic growth brought the Reach Out and Read model to all 50 states. Today Reach Out and Read partners with more than 5,200 program sites and distributes 6.5 million books per year.

For more information about the local initiative, visit facebook.com/RORNWO or contact LeGendre at lori.legendre@utoledo.edu or 419.383.4007.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Dr. Mary Beth Wroblewski, assistant professor, assistant dean for student affairs, and pediatric clerkship director, gave a book to a young patient.

Moving on



Interim President Nagi Naganathan presented Lawrence J.

Burns, vice president for external affairs, with a glass plaque and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the University at his farewell party Friday. Naganathan also gave him a glass piece from the Toledo Museum of Art. Burns is leaving UT to become vice president for advancement at the University of Akron. He joined the Medical College of Ohio in 1990 and led the college's institutional advancement program prior to the 2006 merger with UT. As vice president for external affairs, Burns spearheaded UT's marketing and communications initiatives, as well as equity, diversity and community engagement activities.

UT Pershing Rifles Troop

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"It felt great to win because it showed all the hard work we put in and all the planning and organizing it took to achieve our goal," said Alex Meier, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering. "To know we were all in it for each other and did not want to let each other down was the most gratifying part of the experience for me."

The National Society of Pershing Rifles promotes precision rifle drill as a means to develop leadership traits in students at nearly 200 college campuses across the

More than 400 college ROTC and high school JROTC cadets from the United States participated in the competition in March in Richmond, Va.

Physics professor receives fellowship honor

By Aimee Portala

Dr. Jacques Amar, professor and associate chair of the UT Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, recently was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society.



The society fellowship is an honor signifying recognition by one's professional peers for exceptional contributions to the field of physics. Election to

fellowship is limited to fewer than half of 1 percent of American Physical Society

"I am honored to have been selected to receive this award. It is gratifying to know that my work has been recognized in this way," Amar said.

Nominated by the American Physical Society Division of Computational Physics, Amar was cited "for the development

and use of novel computational methods, which have advanced our fundamental understanding of a range of problems in condensed matter and statistical physics, including the kinetics of domain growth, surface roughening, crystal growth and thinfilm deposition."

Amar is a computational physicist whose research involves the use of theoretical calculations and simulations to study non-equilibrium processes such as thin-film growth and nanoparticle selfassembly on the atomic scale.

"Many of these processes are poorly understood, so it is important to obtain a fundamental understanding of the key relevant mechanisms and how they depend on experimental parameters," Amar said. "Since this is often difficult to obtain directly from experiments, these types of calculations and simulations can be very useful."

As part of his research, Amar uses a variety of methods, including quantum calculations and kinetic Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics simulations. He also is developing methods to carry out accelerated dynamics simulations over longer time and length scales.

In memoriam

Dr. Michael J. Magura, Toledo, who taught in the Department of Economics for three decades, died March 30 at age 71. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1969, was named associate professor in 1977 and professor in 1987. Magura served as chair of the department and on the Faculty Senate and the Arts and Sciences Council. In 1992, he was named a Master Teacher. Magura conducted economic forecasting for cities, including Toledo. He retired in 1999 and was named professor emeritus. Memorials may be made to the Department of Economics through the UT Foundation.

Jayna L. Minnich, Toledo, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary since 2004, died March 13 at age 46.

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Law and Leadership Institute at College of Law receives \$20,000 grant

By Rachel Phipps

he Law and Leadership Institute at The University of Toledo College of Law has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Toledo Community Foundation to enhance its upper level curriculum.

Supported by the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio's nine law schools and others, the institute is a statewide initiative to help prepare students from underserved communities for post-secondary success through a four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical thinking and writing skills.

The grant permits the expansion of the writing program during the last two years of the Law and Leadership Institute's fouryear high school program. Students now will receive instruction from experienced composition teachers, write an in-depth research paper, and respond to rigorous feedback on drafts.

"This grant will help further the goals of the Law and Leadership Institute to inspire and prepare students by strengthening their analytical and writing skills, which are critical for success in college and professional careers," said Marilyn Preston, UT legal writing professor and director of the Law and Leadership

Those students who complete top-level research papers will receive a monetary award

"The potential of the award will motivate those Law and Leadership Institute

students who now leave the institute during the last two years to remain in the program through graduation," Preston said. "It also will cause them to strive for excellence in their writing, which, in turn, will make them more likely to succeed in college."

The Law and Leadership Institute began in 2009 with a single ninth-grade class; a new class has joined the program each following year. The program was piloted in Columbus and Cleveland in 2008, and has since grown to more than 400 high school students on eight law school campuses across the state.

Each of the four summers, beginning the summer after eighth grade, Law and Leadership Institute students take three to five weeks of classes or internships. They also return on some Saturdays during the academic year. Students compete in mock trials and public policy discussions, intern in law firms, visit colleges, and prepare for

Toledo Community Foundation Inc. is a public charitable organization created by citizens in the area to enrich the quality of life for local individuals and families. In existence since 1973, the foundation has more than 670 funds with assets of approximately \$219 million. The foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs.



INSTITUTE GRADUATES: Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a 1977 alumna of the UT College of Law, posed for a photo with students who graduated from the Law and Leadership Institute at the University.

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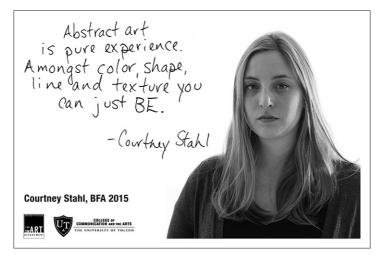
Exhibit showcases talent of graduating students

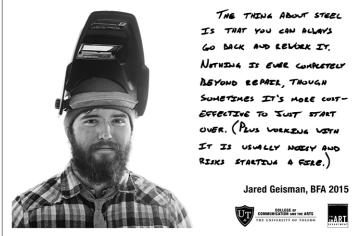
orks by graduating students are on display in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the UT Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

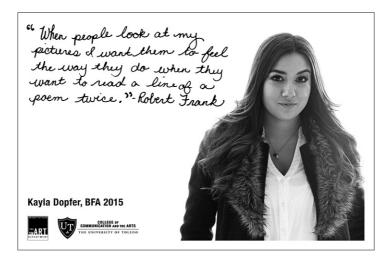
See artwork by Veronica Bialecki, Matt Dangler, Khrystyne Dewey, Kayla Dopfer, Sarah Emch, Jared Geisman, Nate Perez and Courtney Stahl.

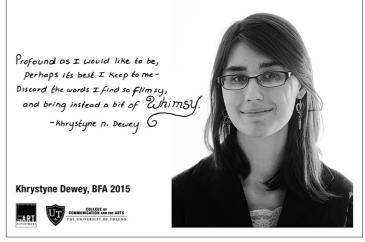
The free, public exhibit will be open through Sunday, May 10.

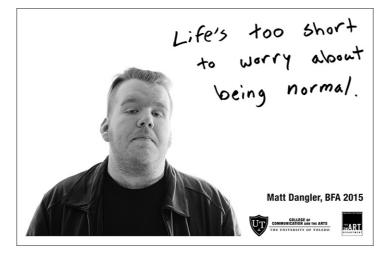
Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

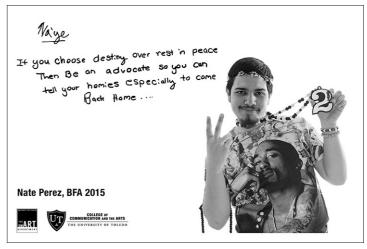
















World-renowned theme park to be topic of lecture April 15

By Lindsay Mahaney

eeting Mickey is any 6-year-old's dream, but a visiting professor will explore the stories and creativity that went into making the mouse's famous theme

Dr. Ann M. Little, associate professor of history at Colorado State University, will present at the Humanities Institute Annual Lecture Wednesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Libbey Hall dining room. A reception will follow the free, public event.

For the past several months, Little has been living in Los Angeles, where she is working on her second book at the Henry E. Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. Her experiences there are the inspiration for her presentation, "Secrets of the Mouse: The Humanities in Unexpected Places." The talk will focus on the popular Southern California theme park Disneyland and ways in which it took inspiration from the humanities.

"When you look at the various subtheme areas of the park — Fantasyland, Tomorrowland, Frontierland, Adventureland and New Orleans Square, for example it's clear that they're all built on centuries of scholarship in the humanities," she said. "What is Fantasyland if not a series of stories built on the folklore of the Schwarzwald [the Black Forest], such as those of the Brothers Grimm? What is Frontierland without a deep knowledge of the history of the American West? And could the Disney Imagineers have imagined Tomorrowland without science-fiction writers like Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and Gene Roddenberry to show us the way?"

Little has found many aspects of the humanities prevalent in the Hollywood and Silicon Valley cultures, but few people realize it.

"It has occurred to me that Hollywood and Silicon Valley would have nothing to produce were it not for the humanities, because when we think of just about any popular entertainment — whether on TV, in the movies, books, video games, or even major amusement parks — it's all grounded in the humanities.

Though her travels have taken her elsewhere, Little's roots are in northwest Ohio. As a Sylvania Southview High School alumna, Little calls Toledo home. However, she found when she left the area, many people were prejudiced toward the Midwestern states.

Her advice: "Never be ashamed of where you're from, and never assume that you're the country bumpkin. Chances are you'll know at least as much or more about the world than they'll know about you, and that will be to your advantage."

Little is the author of Abraham in Arms: War and Gender in Colonial New England and is working on her second title, The Many Captivities of Esther Wheelwright. She also writes about history and feminism on her blog at Historiann.com.

In addition to speaking at UT, she will teach a history class the evening before her talk

In its second vear, the lecture series is part of the recently revamped Humanities Institute in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. which advocates for and supports the study of human culture - its literature languages, arts,

history, philosophy, folklore and religion.

"The goal of this lecture series is to talk broadly about what the humanities are, why they are important to higher education and to our lives, and why we should continue to value them," said Dr. Christina Fitzgerald, director of the institute and English professor. "It echoes the mission of the institute itself — to advocate for and support the work of humanities researchers. But whereas our other events feature UT

THE HUMANITIES INSTITUTE ANNUAL LECTURE

ANN M. LITTLE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

SECRETS OF THE MOUSE:

THE HUMANITIES IN UNEXPECTED PLACES



WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 15, 2015** 5:30 P.M.

LIBBEY HALL, UT MAIN CAMPUS Reception to follow

Free and open to the public

A Sylvania Southview High School alumna, Ann M. Little is an historian specializing in the history of women, gender, and sexuality, and the author of Abraham in Arms. War and Gender in Colonial New England (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007). She currently holds the Dana and David Dornsife Fellowship at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., where she is completing a new book, *The Many Captivities of Esther Wheelwright (1696-1800)*. In addition to her scholarly work, Dr. Little blogs about history, feminism, and the academic life at historiann.com. You can find her on Twitter at @historiann.



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faculty and community members, this event brings in someone from outside to broaden the scope of the conversation."

Fitzgerald said that she felt Little was a good choice because she can connect with history specialists, but also a wider audience, which she does regularly through her blog.

"This lecture series is broadly about the value and importance of the humanities — although speakers can take that from

any angle, including with reference to their own research — and Professor Little is very good at defending the humanities, especially in a public institution context," Fitzgerald

For more information, contact the Humanities Institute at 419.530.4407 or humanitiesinstitute@utoledo.edu.

Toledo Sister Cities International Festival to come to Main Campus April 18

he Toledo Sister Cities International Festival will take place Saturday, April 18, from noon to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

This sixth annual event will feature nearly eight hours of international performances, including music, dance, karate, as well as ethnic food from area restaurants and cultural exhibits. More than 20 entertainment groups and 10 sister organizations will be represented.

A parade of nations will open the festival at 12:10 p.m. There will be crafts and souvenirs, vendors, raffles and a language corner.

The UT Center for International Studies and Programs is one of the copresenters along with the Toledo Sister Cities International.

"This partnership with the International Festival reflects the center's mission to facilitate cross-cultural interaction among students, faculty and staff that leads to better global understanding," Dr. Sammy Spann, vice provost for international studies and programs, said. "We hope to see the UT community turn out for this event."

The UT Foreign Languages Department also is involved, hosting language activities, where students and professors share their linguistic and cultural experiences with visitors.

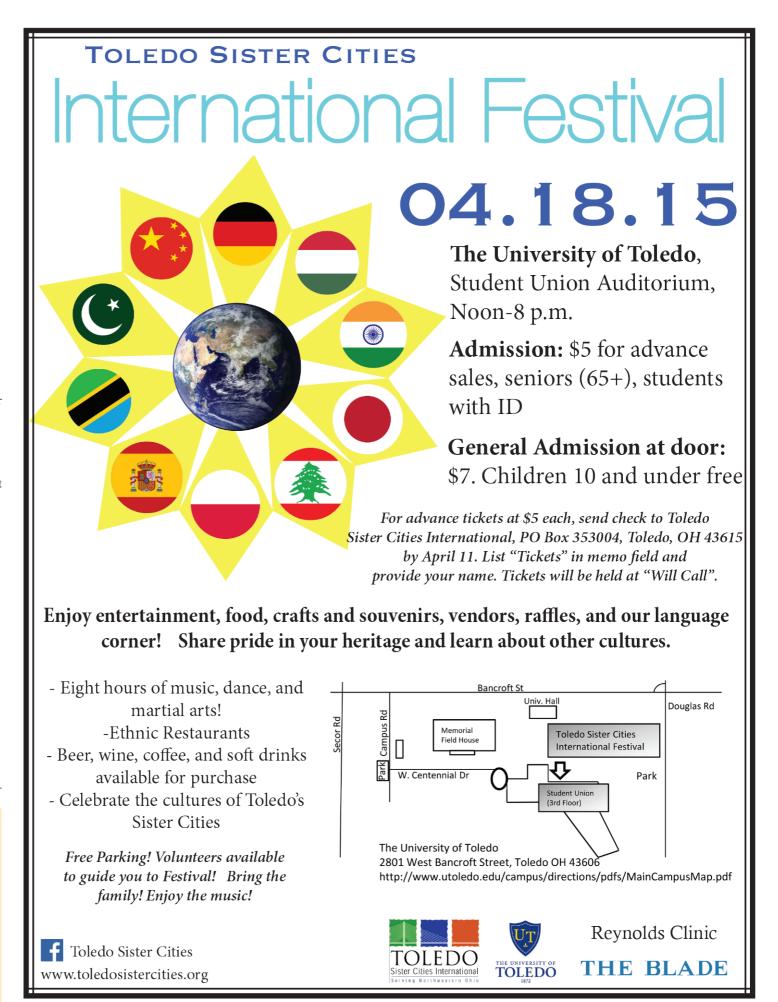
In addition, Rocky and Rocksy will visit the festival from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 in advance. Admission at the door will be \$7 and \$5 for seniors 65 and older and students with ID. Parking will be free.

For more information on the collaborative event of Toledo Sister Cities International and The University of Toledo, go to toledosistercities.org, see Facebook at Toledo Sister Cities, or contact Eric Bergman, festival publicity chair, at 419.260.2553.

Stadium Drive between the two entrances of Lot 10 is scheduled to be closed through Friday, April 24, for the road to be repaired.

Entrances to Lot 10 will remain open. The road is expected to reopen Saturday, April 25.



Professor to be honored, new class to be inducted into Medical Mission Hall of Fame April 18

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Science's Medical Mission Hall of Fame will induct its 13th class of honorees Saturday, April 18.

Dr. Alfredo Casino, Dr. Abali Chuku and Dr. Paul Williams will be honored during a program in Collier Building Room 1000B on UT's Health Science Campus beginning at

That evening, Dr. Clint Longenecker will receive the Lawrence V. Conway Distinguished Lifetime Service Award for his humanitarian work.

A native of the Philippines who now lives in Akron, "Poppy" Casino founded the American Foundation to Aid the Poor in 1986. The organization is designed to provide medical care to the needy in his native land, with a focus on the repair of cleft lips and palates, after he learned of double and triple the incidence in the Philippines and Asia compared to the Western world.

American Foundation to Aid the Poor also provides safe drinking water in many rural communities and supports Philippine-based surgeons so they can do post-operative follow-up and perform multi-stage procedures that can't be done effectively on short-term mission trips.

A graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Casino was a surgeon for more than 30 years, first at Barberton Citizens Hospital in Barberton, Ohio, and then at Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital in Wadsworth, Ohio.

An ophthalmologist based in Umuahia, Nigeria, Chuku turned the decaying 327-bed Federal Medical Centre — the former Queen Elizabeth Hospital — in Umuahia into a center of excellence for those in need despite an assassination attempt on his life as he fought a culture of corruption and graft.

Appointed chief medical director of the Federal Medical Centre in 2011 after serving for 15 years as head of ophthalmology at that institution, Chuku was shot later that year below the abdomen and in his left arm as he was going to his car that was parked at the hospital. At the time, he was in the process of revamping a hospital that had lost huge sums of money because of collusion and embezzlement despite receiving increased funding from the government. After a year of surgeries and physical recovery in England, Chuku has returned to the Federal Medical Centre and has transformed the facility into one that has modern surgical suites, state-ofthe-art equipment and a well-trained staff.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Nigeria, Nsukku.

A veteran medical missionary who has been involved in more than 200 medical mission and disaster relief efforts in more than 100 countries, Williams founded HealthCare Ministries, the medical missions program of the Assemblies of God, and later the medical division of Operation Blessing and the International HealthCare Network.

Williams, of Pisgah Forest, N.C., has organized and led medical teams in response to a number of major world disasters. From refugee camps created as a result of the Rwandan Civil War, to cyclone-devastated Bangladesh, to hurricane-ravaged Nicaragua and Honduras, to tsunami devastation in Indonesia, Williams has led thousands of missionaries who have treated hundreds of thousands of patients.

He earned his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Longenecker is the Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the UT College of Business and Innovation. Recognized by The Economist as one of the top 15 business educators in the world and the recipient of more than 20 outstanding teaching awards, Longenecker

also is an active community servant, a committed member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and an active Bible study leader and Christian speaker. The UT alumnus has spent extensive time working in Haiti managing missionary schools and hospital construction projects as well as disaster relief programs. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children, including Steven, who was adopted as the result of their missionary work.

Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, UT professor emeritus of finance, founded the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in 2004 to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing the medical well-being of people around the world. In 2006, the Medical Mission Hall of Fame became affiliated with the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The hall of fame can be seen in the lobby of the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

RSVPs are requested for the free, public event: Call 419.530.2586 or 1.800.235.6766.

For more information, contact Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president of alumni relations, at 419.530.4008.



Casino



Chuku



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Art imitates space: Exhibit to open this week in Ritter Planetarium

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Art will be among the stars beginning Tuesday, April 14, in Ritter Planetarium.

As part of the planetarium program titled "Stars: Powerhouses of the Universe," photographs made by students will be on display in the lobby gallery and on the dome as well.

A screening of the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and be followed by a reception with the artists. Seating is limited at the free, public program.

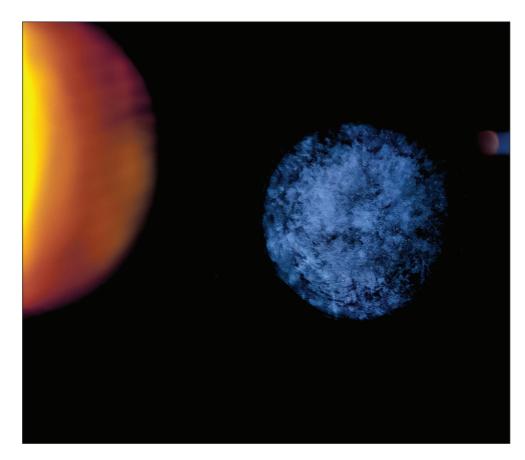
The exhibition titled "Faux Space" is the third photo show at the planetarium. The images on display were made in the Department of Art's fall 2014 introductory photo course taught by Professor Deborah Orloff

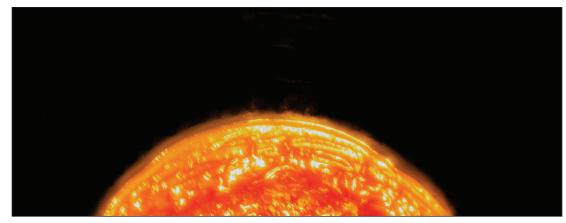
Students were challenged to create photos that evoke a sense of space in the extraterrestrial sense. They used a diverse range of materials to create their images — food, toys, pots, glitter, fire, lasers, smoke and oils.

All images were made with a digital single-lens reflex camera; they are not computer-generated or taken from space.

Student artists featured in the exhibition are Shalissa Bailey, Jamie Campbell, Andrea Fackelman, Emily Frank, June Galvin, Danielle Hedger, Qiong Jia, Leanne Jones, Chariti Lockhard, Nicelle McCuchen, Kathlynn Meyer, Kayla Perez, Alexandra Ray, Daniel Rivera, Madison Roy, Jamie Snyder, Drew Tansel, Chelsea Thompson, Xueling Zhao and Yue Zhao.

The gallery images will be on display throughout the summer during regular business hours and when there are shows at Ritter Planetarium.





This image and the top one were created by Chelsea Thompson for "Faux Space."



Xueling Zhao made this image for the exhibit.

Celebrate National Library Week

xplore "Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library" during National Library Week, April 13-17.

During this week, libraries highlight the role they play in changing people's lives.

University of Toledo Libraries will celebrate by hosting special events and asking people to pose for a photo with their favorite book for a chance to win prizes.

Listed by date, events will include:

- Tuesday, April 14 Panel discussion on "Leveraging UT Libraries for Research Success: Across the Disciplines" at noon in Carlson Library Room 2010. Panelists will be Dr. Tavis Glassman, Health and Recreation Professions; Dr. John Laux, School Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education; Dr. David Meabon, Educational Leadership; Dr. Joni Mihura, Psychology; and Dr. Michael Tevald, Rehabilitation Sciences. Wade Lee of University Libraries will serve as the moderator.
- Wednesday, April 15 used book sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Carlson Library Concourse.
 - > Panel discussion on "Leveraging UT Libraries for Research Success: In the Health Sciences" at noon in Mulford Library Room 420. Panelists will be Dr. Linda Pierce, Nursing; Dr. Samay Jain, Urologic Oncology; Dr. Barbara Saltzman, Public Health and Preventive Medicine; and Dr. Eileen Walsh, Nursing. Lee again will serve as the moderator.
 - > Invisible Beasts: A Reading by Sharona Muir at 12:30 p.m. in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections. This event is sponsored by the UT Department of English.
- Thursday, April 16 Barbara Floyd, director of the UT Canaday Center and university archivist, will discuss her new book, *The Glass City: Toledo and the Industry That Built It*, at 4 p.m. in the Canaday Center. She will sign copies of her book, which will be for sale for \$30 during a reception after the event. This talk is co-sponsored by the Department of History.
- Thursday, April 16 Game night from 6 to 10 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 2010. This event is cosponsored by UT-BASH.

New posters to promote reading that feature UT researchers that fit the "Unlimited Possibilities" theme will be on display starting Monday, April 13.

And patrons can take part in the shelfie contest by taking a photo with a favorite book or library place and posting to Instagram or twitter #UTshelfie for chance to win prizes.

For more information on UT's celebration of National Library Week, go to http://libguides.utoledo.edu/nlw.



Wanted: Outstanding Staff Award nominations

ominations for the 2015 Outstanding Staff Award are due Friday, April 17.

Take a few minutes to nominate staff members who exceed expectations and enhance the University environment for students, patients, staff, faculty and the community.

Eligible nominees must be full-time or part-time (20 hours or more) regular employees (contingent, temporary and intermittent employees are not eligible), and have at least two years of service at the University.

Senior administrators and previous award recipients are ineligible if they have received the Outstanding Staff Award within the past three years.

All nominees will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony Wednesday, April 29, at noon in the Radisson Birch Room. A total of five employees will be selected to receive plaques and \$1,000.

Nominations will be accepted from faculty, physicians, staff, students, patients and community members.

The selection committee for the awards consists of previous winners and a

representative from the Human Resources and Talent Development Department.

The selection committee will consider:

- Career accomplishments and outstanding contributions on the iob:
- Commitment to improvement and innovation; and
- Leadership and loyalty to The University of Toledo community.

The nomination form is available at http://utole.do/outstandingstaff2015nom.

If you have any issues with the online form, email vicki.riddick@utoledo.edu.

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more than \$10 million in external funding, primarily from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

In the area of teaching, Dinnebeil has touched the lives of many students over the years. She has designed and taught 25 different courses. She is dedicated to doctoral education in particular and has mentored 240 students both at UT and other institutions through the Division for Early Childhood's Consortium for Innovations in Doctoral Education initiative, the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children online program for doctoral excellence that allows students to engage in collaborative learning activities with other doctoral students and faculty across the country. In recognition of her efforts, Dinnebeil received a new fiveyear grant from the U.S. Department of

Longenecker has been with the University for 30 years as a faculty member and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing and a master of business administration in management from UT. He has established a stellar reputation in teaching, research and service.

He is a globally recognized expert in the areas of performance improvement and management development. His research addresses real business and management problems that affect organizational productivity and survival. In recognition of his outstanding scholarly achievements, Longenecker was awarded the UT Outstanding Research Award in 2008.

In 2013, Longenecker was recognized by The Economist as one of the top 15
Business Professors in the world — one of only two Americans. He has an extensive management consultant portfolio with clients that include a number of Fortune 500 firms and entrepreneurial organizations, including Owens-Illinois Inc., Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Marathon Oil Corp., Dana Corp., Parker Hannafin Corp. and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His research is regularly featured in national media outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, Business Week, CSPAN, NPR, NBC Radio, and many local and regional outlets.

Recently, his work on leadership has become a template for ethics training across the branches of the United States military. More than 4,000 senior officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Pentagon have benefited from Longenecker's training, and his work is required reading at service academies.

Parking garages to close for repairs in May

Restoration work is scheduled for the Main Campus east and west parking garages, which are slated to close from May to mid-August.

Construction is expected to start Monday, May 11, and run through Monday, Aug. 17.

The project will include concrete repairs to the floor systems as well as installation of sealants that will require that both ramps be closed during the project, according to Doug Collins, director of grounds and off-site facilities.

"The main scope of the work will be installing supplemental horizontal reinforcement," Collins said. "Other repairs, such as floor patching and caulking replacement, will be done to address maintenance issues that arise due to the winter months.

"All of this work is part of our program to stabilize the structures and will continue

intermittently this year and next year," he said. "We thank everyone for their patience so we can take care of the structures."

Minor repairs to both garages may continue into September, but will not impact opening the ramps for fall semester, which will begin Monday, Aug. 24.

In addition, Lot 2 by the east parking garage will close for resurfacing.

Moving display



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT students Zach Fledderjohann and Bre Straka looked at shirts from the Clothesline Project, which was on display Thursday in the Student Union. The shirts are a way for women affected by violence and their families and friends to express their emotions and share their experiences. The display was one of the events planned by the UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Clothesline Project also will be on display Thursday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Four Seasons Bistro in UT Medical Center. Other events scheduled for this month are Take Back the Night Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at UAW Local 12, 2300 Ashland Ave.; LGBTQ panel Thursday, April 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. in Student Union Room 2584; and Denim Awareness Day display Wednesday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information about the UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, visit utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saepp or facebook.com/SAEPPUT.

Volunteer to be honored for service to University

By Lindsay Mahaney

fter years of dedication to making The University of Toledo a more beautiful place, landscape architect Dick Meyers will be honored for his work this week.

The University of Toledo Facilities and Grounds, Campus Beautification Committee and the President's Commission on the River will host a dedication reception Friday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the river outlook adjacent to Savage Arena to recognize Meyers and his service to UT. Refreshments will be served after the free, public event.

"I'm just doing the things I enjoy doing," Meyers said.

As a co-founder of the Collaborative Inc., a Toledo-based design firm, Meyers has had a hand in more than 30 landscape design and planning projects on UT campuses. He cites his most notable achievement as Centennial Mall, which was a parking lot before he helped design the green space.

"The mall is one of the top three aesthetic things about The University of Toledo that attracts students, in my opinion," said Dick Eastop, former chair of the Campus Beautification Committee, member of the Presidential Commission on the River, retired UT administrator and longtime friend of Meyers. "Look what Dick designed and how important it is to the University now and has been for years. Just think of the impact he has had on this University just from that."

The mall was named one of the 100 most beautifully landscaped places in the country by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Meyers also did the planning for the landscape surrounding the Law Center, the site planning for the Student Recreation Center and the expansion of the Student Union, and many projects on Health Science Campus, including the original site and landscape design for the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and the Bryant Academic Commons. In addition to his professional work, Meyers has continued to serve the University for the past 10 years as a volunteer. He is one of the original members of the President's Commission on the River, the organization that started the habitat restoration efforts for the 3,700 feet of the Ottawa River running through Main Campus.

Meyers also worked on the renovation project around Savage Arena and designed the first river outlook on campus, which is where a plaque will be placed in his honor. Meyers's outlook design was adopted as the template for all other future river outlooks on campus.

"It's exciting to see the growth here on campus and know that I was a small part of that," Meyers said.

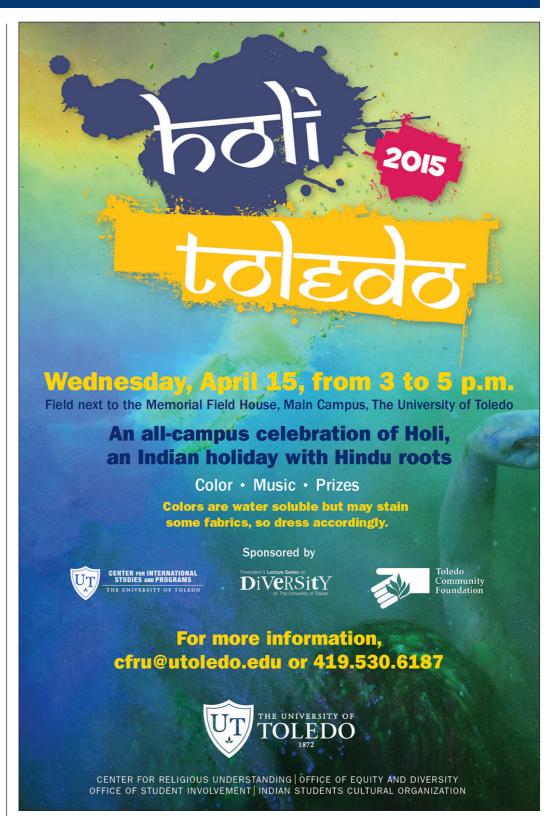
When asked why he was selected as an honoree, Meyer's colleagues spoke highly of his expertise in his field and his humility.

"Dick Meyers provides a view from the outside that also brings a voice that we don't readily have available to us on campus," said Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the UT Department of Geography and Planning, and chair of the President's Commission on the River. "When you're a volunteer, you do it because you have interest and passion. He fits that profile."

"He's done so much for the community," Eastop agreed. "He's a giving, compassionate, caring, very humble person. Dick has a passion for helping people, and he lives that passion."

When asked how he felt about being recognized, Meyers said he was shocked: "I get so much enjoyment out of doing what I've done, it just seems like I don't need anymore. This is just the cherry on top of the icing."

For more information about the dedication, contact Lawrence at patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu.



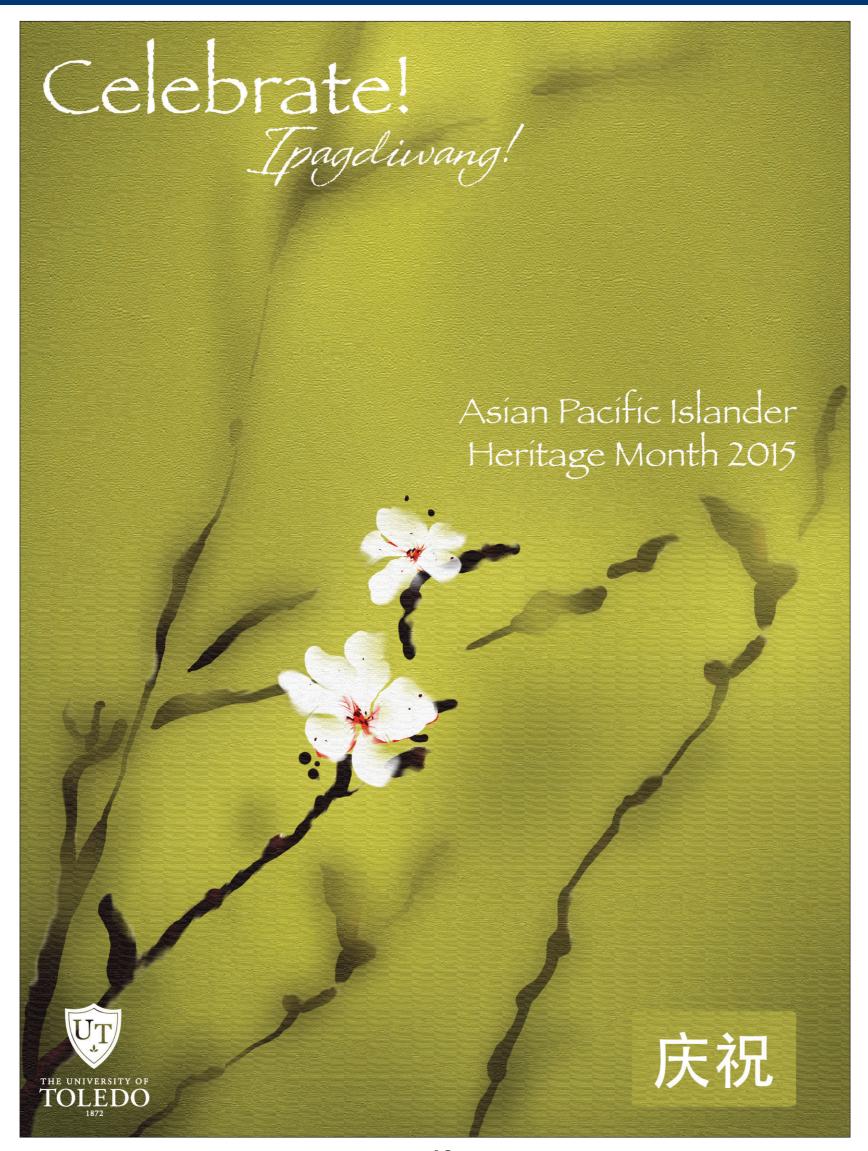
Silence on Mulford Library's fifth floor to be broken April 28

ue to a special event that will take place on Mulford Library's fifth floor Tuesday, April 28, silence will be interrupted from approximately 2 to 7 p.m.

The John W. and Betty Jane Barfield art exhibit unveiling and book-signing event will

start at 4 p.m., but preparations will begin earlier in the afternoon.

UT administrators apologize for any inconvenience and ask for understanding during these few hours.



Stomp Fest to bring back step April 17

By Kevin Bucher

he National Pan-Hellenic Council will host "Stomp Fest 2015: Flashback Friday" April 17 at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena.

"I think it is a lost art on this campus," Ryeon Wedley, a junior majoring in film and vice president of Phi Beta Sigma, said. "The last time there was a step show here at UT it was 2009. I think this is an opportunity for the teams competing to show the people around campus what stepping is all about."

Step is a percussive dance that incorporates the entire body to create unique beats and movements through a mixture of stomps, claps and spoken word. In the late 1960s, historically black fraternities and sororities began embracing stepping on college campuses.

Wedley said that the event also will give African-American Greek letter organizations a chance to show potential members an exciting way to get involved.

"I think it will breathe new life into UT and the organizations competing," Wedley said.

Five teams will compete for a \$1,500 prize. In addition, there will be four exhibition step teams from the Toledo area showing off their skills.

Greg Smith, a UT student who passed away last semester, also will be honored at the event.

Pre-sale tickets for the event are available at Ask Rocky in the Student Union.

Tickets for Greek members are \$7, general admission is \$10, and VIP tickets are available for \$15.

An additional \$5 will be charged at the door if a person would like to upgrade to a VIP ticket.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact greeklife@ utoledo.edu.



Walk/run to raise money, awareness about worldwide water concern

By Lindsay Mahaney

n average, one in nine people do not have access to clean water, and many that do have to walk several miles to get it — often times not knowing if the water is sanitary.

With a goal of raising \$15,000, Walk for Water Toledo is doing its part to increase awareness about the lack of clean drinking water worldwide.

The annual Walk for Water fundraiser will start on The University of Toledo's Centennial Mall Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. Participants can begin checking in at 1 p.m. for the 5k run or walk.

In addition to promoting awareness of the global lack of access to clean water, the event raises money for Clean Water for the World, an organization working to build, ship, install and maintain water purification units for people without clean water around the world.

To simulate the experience of workwomen and children in developing countries and promote solidarity, participants in the event are encouraged to carry water jugs during the race. A water carry competition will take place during the walk where participants can carry as much water as possible however they choose as long as they don't use backpacks or wheels. Jugs will be provided at the event.

Over the past two years, the Toledo campaign has raised enough money to buy 10 water units that have been placed

in communities in El Salvador, Jamaica, Haiti, Guatemala and Uganda. These units bring more than 1 million gallons of clean water to these communities each year.

Participants can solicit donations through the registration website. Once registered, participants make an account that family, friends and community members can give to by clicking on the participant's name and pressing the donate button.

Registration is \$10 for students and \$15 for adults and includes a Walk for Water button.

T-shirts can be purchased for \$8. Register and donate online at http://utole.do/walkforwater2015.

Mock crash, trial to be held during Greek Week

By Cassandra DeYoung

The Pi Beta Phi Sorority, in conjunction with The University of Toledo Counseling Center, will host a mock crash and trial Wednesday, April 15, as part of Greek Week.

"People don't typically think, especially when you are at a bar close to home, that getting into a car is drinking and driving," said Dr. Will Pecsok, associate director and clinical counselor in the UT Counseling Center. "They try and rationalize or justify their actions thinking, 'It's just down the block or around the corner.'

"The reality of the situation is that there are a lot of people that put themselves in dangerous situations, and we want to raise people's awareness and have them really think before they go out and drink," he said.

The event will occur in two parts: a driving-under-the-influence mock crash and a mock trial. The crash will be staged from 6 to 7 p.m. in Carter Field, located off East Rocket Drive by the Student Recreation Center near the Douglas Road entrance to Main Campus, and the trial will take place from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

"Over the course of the mock crash, we will be narrating the events as they unfold talking about the dangers of DUIs — the things that can happen in a split second," Pecsok said. "The fact is you could be out on a Friday night driving one minute and the next you're in a life flight worrying about your life."

Emergency medical services, the Toledo Fire Department, and the UT Police Department will be at the event performing the same actions they would as if it was a real crash.

"A life flight is planning to come in and take care of one or two of the severely injured, and then the remaining will be taken out by EMS and the fire department," Pecsok said.

"After the crash, the UT Police Department is going to take the person that was the mock offender, the person that actually caused the accident, over to the law school," Pecsok said. "We will have Judge [M. Scott] Ramey from Sylvania preside over the mock trial, which will include a prosecutor, defense attorney, and someone playing the part of a victim's advocate. We are working with the Paralegal Studies Program and the College of Law to get people to come volunteer and play those roles."

Pizza and pop will be provided during the mock trial.

In addition, the first 100 people who attend the trial will receive a free T-shirt. Gift cards and additional giveaways will be raffled off.

For more information, contact Pecsok at will.pecsok@utoledo.edu.

Score discounted Toledo Mud Hens' tickets for April 17 game

By Kevin Bucher

The Office of Student Involvement and Commuter Student Services will host Commuter Night Out with the Toledo Mud Hens.

The event will take place Friday, April 17, at Fifth Third Field at 7 p.m. when the Mud Hens take on the Columbus Clippers.

"This is a great event and an awesome opportunity for the students to get involved in the community," said Joe Lepone, graduate assistant in the Office of Student Involvement and Commuter Student Services. "I think it is a great way to bridge the UT community and the Toledo community together.

"The game should be a lot of fun, and it will give students a chance to engage with each other and members of the community," Lepone said.

The event is open to all UT students and employees. Tickets — \$5 for students with an ID and \$9 for employees and non-UT students — are on sale at Ask Rocky in the Student Union.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Involvement and Commuter Student Services at commuter@ utoledo.edu or 419.530.8521.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

aculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT in May and wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News may contact the University Communications Office.

Call Laurie Flowers at 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Friday, May 8.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.





Getting the scoop



Tony Urbina, service excellence officer, and Oliva Dacre, chief administrative officer of outpatient integrated clinic operations, served Marci Cancic, lead physical therapist, a treat last week during the UT Health Ice Cream Social in the Four Seasons Bistro.



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