

## One for the books



Photo by Daniel Miller

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo signed his 1997 book, *Straight Man*, for UT student Bailey Horn Thursday night after he spoke in Doermann Theater as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. The novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and teacher talked about *Straight Man*, a novel revered by many academics and adored by thousands of readers. Russo discussed both the importance of academic novels and of literature in general. His inspiring, entertaining lecture also touched on the process of writing and the changing business of writing due to technological advances.

### EMPLOYEES:

Saturday, Oct. 31, is the deadline to re-enroll in your chosen health-care plan.

Go to the employee tab inside the myUT portal.

For more information, contact Human Resources through email at [benefits@utoledo.edu](mailto:benefits@utoledo.edu) or by calling 419.530.4747.

While not required this time, documents for open enrollment verification will be needed next year.

## UT researcher discovers new way to treat brain cancer

By Brandi Barhite

A scientist at The University of Toledo has discovered a potential way to stop the spreading of the most lethal brain cancer glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

Dr. Kathryn Eisenmann, UT assistant professor of biochemistry and cancer biology, worked with Van Andel Research Institute on this study, which was published



Eisenmann

online Sept. 9 by the American Society of Cell Biology in the journal *Molecular Biology of the Cell*.

Eisenmann's team, led by first author and UT MD/PhD graduate student Jessica Arden, found that cancer cells that cause GBM can potentially be stopped with a drug developed by Van Andel Research Institute Professor Arthur Alberts.

"The most lethal part about GBM is that the cells move so rapidly," Eisenmann said. "We want to keep the cells in one place so they don't spread to vital parts of the brain."

In previous research, Alberts discovered a bioactive peptide called DAD and small molecules called intramimics. Both DAD and intramimics activate a family of proteins called DIAPHs or mDIA, which are known to play vital roles in GBM spread. He had been exploring the use of the drug for colon cancer treatment.

Eisenmann decided to see if his research could be applied to GBM, which is the most common brain tumor in adults. In 2010, there were 22,000 cases in the United States. People with GBM often live fewer than 15 months following diagnosis because, despite surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, individual cancer cells escape and invade healthy surrounding tissue, making additional treatment attempts increasingly difficult.

Eisenmann was inspired to study treatments for GBM because she has had friends and colleagues diagnosed with or die from the disease.

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## UT College of Law one of Princeton Review's best

By Rachel Phipps

The University of Toledo College of Law is one of the nation's top law schools, according to The Princeton Review's list of "The Best 173 Law Schools," which appears as a book and on The Princeton Review website.

In the UT College of Law's profile, The Princeton Review editors wrote, "Students speak overwhelmingly of the school's obvious care and concern for their future."

The profile also quotes current UT law students who were surveyed by The Princeton Review. Among the student comments, "Every aspect of the school strikes the perfect balance between professionalism and personal attention." Another noted that professors "go out of their way to make themselves available to students."

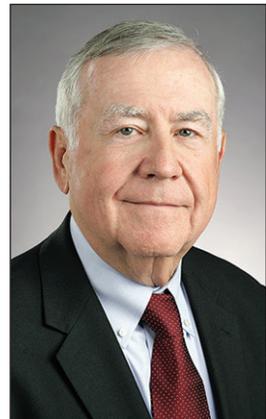
"At the UT College of Law, we provide legal education on a personal scale," said D. Benjamin Barros, dean of the College of Law. "Our goal is student success, and our faculty take the time to get to know their students. No one is just a number here."

The school profiles in "The Best 173 Law Schools" factor in data from The Princeton Review's surveys of law students completed during the 2014-15, 2013-14 and 2012-13 school years.

## Interim leader to guide enrollment services through strategy review

By Meghan Cunningham

An experienced higher education enrollment manager will provide interim leadership to The University of Toledo's Division of Enrollment Management while UT works with an enrollment consultant to improve recruitment and retention strategies.



Dr. James Mager, who has held a variety of enrollment management positions at Ohio State University including director of admissions and financial aid and associate vice president for enrollment services, started last week as UT's interim vice president of enrollment management.

"Growing enrollment and supporting those students through graduation are key to the success of The University of Toledo," President Sharon L. Gaber said. "With Jim's leadership and our partnership with Ruffalo Noel Levitz, we will develop the strategies needed to attract more students to the great opportunities we have for them here at UT."

During his career at Ohio State that spanned from 1971 to 2002, he led the implementation of the university's undergraduate student selective admissions

policies and provided the leadership that resulted in significantly better academically prepared freshman classes, increases in student retention and graduation rates, larger transfer student classes, and greater race-ethnic and geographic diversity.

Mager also consulted with more than 40 institutions when he served as associate vice president for Ruffalo Noel Levitz from 2002 to 2010.

UT has retained the enrollment-consulting firm to provide a data-informed strategic approach that will help strengthen the University's enrollment and retention efforts going forward.

"Ruffalo Noel Levitz is a leader in enrollment management services with an excellent track record of getting results that benefit the university, but more importantly the students who benefit from the access, retention and graduation initiatives," Mager said. "During this period, it will be my role to provide leadership to the Enrollment Management Division and to partner with Ruffalo Noel Levitz to ensure that the appropriate UT leaders and experts are fully involved in identifying, analyzing and implementing initiatives to increase student enrollment and student success."

Mager said the campus community will be involved in developing new recruitment and retention strategies by providing important data and qualitative information and then working together with Ruffalo Noel Levitz on strategy development and implementation.

## Paying attention pays off



Photo by Daniel Miller

At the University Women's Commission luncheon held Oct. 21, UT President Sharon L. Gaber stressed the value of paying attention such as when there are opportunities to sign up for extra duties, working hard even when you think others aren't watching, or when your health subtly changes. By doing so, Gaber said she prepared herself for future jobs and survived cancer amid much unsolicited support. Nearly 100 packed the Savage Arena Joe Grogan Room to hear her talk.

## UT receives \$10 million from NASA to transform K-12 science curriculum

By Meghan Cunningham

A University of Toledo researcher will transform the way science is taught to students throughout the country with a \$10 million grant from NASA.

Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, UT professor of geography and planning, is leading the development of a new K-12 science curriculum that will have students make observations and conduct hands-on projects utilizing NASA satellite imagery and discoveries.

The project called "MISSION EARTH: Fusing GLOBE With NASA Assets to Build Systemic Innovation in STEM Education," is one of 27 funded with a total of \$42

million through NASA's Science Mission Directorate to engage learners of all ages in NASA science education programs and activities.

Czajkowski will be joined by UT President Sharon L. Gaber for an announcement of the research project Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. next to the Ottawa River behind the Student Union on Main Campus. UT students will demonstrate the hands-on science activities proposed; these will include taking water samples from the river and soil samples, and reading surface temperatures with an infrared thermometer.

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"It is one of the most lethal cancers and there are very few, if any, effective and durable treatments," she said. "The prognosis is usually poor."

The next step, with the help of a \$75,000 grant from UT's Interdisciplinary Research Initiation Award, is to evaluate the effectiveness of this new strategy in preclinical models, a crucial move in translating this discovery to the clinic and patients.

"GBM is lethal because it so effectively escapes and evades therapy," Eisenmann said. "Our hope is this discovery will prove

to be an anti-tumor strategy and one that will be safe and effective for patients.

"New therapies for GBM are desperately needed," she said. "We hope our latest finding will lead to a novel and effective treatment for this extremely aggressive cancer."

For more information on how to support this research, contact Allie Berns, assistant director of annual giving, at [allison.berns@utoledo.edu](mailto:allison.berns@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.5414, or contribute online at <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/gbm.asp>.

## Corrections

The name of the editor of Military Advanced Education & Transition was incorrect in the story about UT being named a Top Military-Friendly University in last week's paper. Her name is Kelly Fodel.

Also in the Oct. 19 issue, there were two mistakes in the story about Richard Russo and the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture. His book, *Straight Man*, was published in 1997, and the main character's name is William Henry Devereaux Jr.

## UT Medical Center honored for heart treatment efforts

By Brandi Barhite

The University of Toledo Medical Center is being recognized for its superior diagnosis and treatment of patients with heart failure.

UTMC has received the Get With the Guidelines—Heart Failure Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award.

This award, through the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, honors hospitals that help heart patients recover quicker and reduce the likelihood of hospital readmission. In 2014, UTMC received the bronze award.

“This reaffirms our commitment to our patients who are experiencing one of the worst health scares of their lives,” said Dr. George Moukarbel, director of the Heart Failure and Left Ventricular Assist Device Program at UTMC. “We are proud of our efforts to provide the best possible outcome for our patients who are in the throes of heart failure. This is a direct result of the hard work of all the members of the heart failure team and everyone working toward excellence in the care of our patients.”

Launched in 2005, numerous published studies have demonstrated the Get With the Guidelines program’s success in achieving patient outcome improvements, including reductions in readmissions.

UTMC earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures that include evaluation of the patient, proper



Moukarbel

use of medications, and aggressive risk-reduction therapies.

Before patients are discharged, UTMC educates them on managing their overall health and arranges a follow-up visit.

“Our next goal is to achieve gold status,” Moukarbel said. “Our work is not done, but this silver status shows that we are continually trying to better ourselves so we can better the outcomes for our patients. Everything we do at UTMC is centered on the patient.”

## Welloween Health Fair set for Oct. 30

By Cassandra DeYoung

The Student Recreation Center on Main Campus will host the Welloween Health Fair Friday, Oct. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

“It’s an annual health fair that gets the Toledo community and students, staff and faculty to learn more about wellness,” said Brooke Irwin, a graduate assistant in the Office of Recreation. “A bunch of student organizations and places within the Toledo community come and set up booths and provide education on areas in wellness and health.”

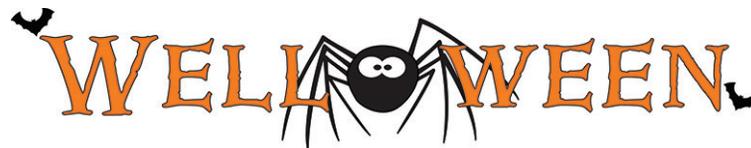
The annual event will feature flu shots, massages, health screenings, educational activities, a costume contest, music, and door prizes ranging from gift cards to gift baskets.

Organizations that are providing health information and screenings include the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, Recreational Therapy Club, UT Medical Center Trauma Services, UT Counseling Center, Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation, and Lucas County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Admission is free for UT students, faculty, staff and community members. Participants can park in lot 18.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Recreation.

For more information, contact the Office of Recreation at 419.530.3700 or [utreccenter@utoledo.edu](mailto:utreccenter@utoledo.edu).



### In memoriam

**Ruby I. Murray**, Toledo, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died Sept. 29 at age 78.

**Edward C. Dixon**, Monroe, Mich., a stationary engineer at MCO from 1980 to 1999, died Oct. 15 at age 77.



### Be prepared

Logan Walker, a student in the College of Nursing, right, prepared to give flu shots to, from left, Dr. Carl Sirio, chief operating officer and chief medical and clinical officer for UT Medical Center; Samuel McCrimmon, vice president for advancement; and President Sharon L. Gaber. The free flu shot is required for all doctors, faculty, staff, students, health-care workers and volunteers who are in patient care areas. Flu shots also are being offered on Main Campus, where the immunization is not required but highly encouraged. For more information and a schedule, go to [utoledo.edu/fluprep](http://utoledo.edu/fluprep).

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Rocket basketball to Host 'Tricks, Treats and Dunks' season preview Oct. 29

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo basketball teams will host "Tricks, Treats and Dunks," a special season preview, Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in Savage Arena. Admission is free.

The evening will begin with trick-or-treating from 6 to 7 p.m. at stations located in the arena concourses. Fans can dress in their Halloween costumes and get treats and prizes.

Free schedule posters will be provided for fans to get autographs from UT men's and women's basketball players.

At 7 p.m., the fun moves to Nichols Court, where a contest for best Halloween costume will be judged. Prizes will be given out to best costumes for children. There also will be raffle prizes for both fans and UT students throughout the night.

Following the Halloween costume contest, the 2015-16 UT men's and women's basketball teams will be introduced. The Rockets will participate in an all-star shootout that will feature a player, a Rocket Kids Club member, and either a UT student or fan.

The event will conclude with a slam-dunk contest for the men's team.

Fans will be able to purchase snacks from the

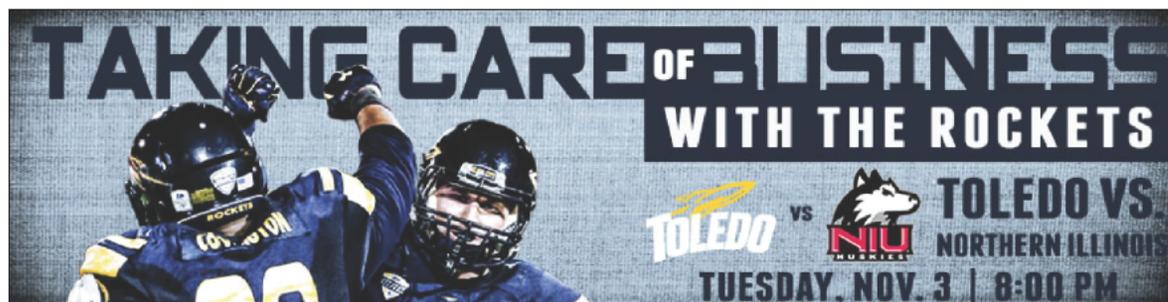
concession stands as they watch the action and listen to music played by a DJ.

The UT men's team is coming off its second straight 20-win season in 2014-15. The Rockets return two starters from last year's team, senior center Nathan Boothe and junior guard Jonathan Williams, as well as three key reserves, junior guard Jordan Lauf, junior center Zach Garber and sophomore guard Stuckey Moseley. Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk also will add seven newcomers to the lineup this season.

Head Coach Tricia Cullop welcomes back six players who started at least 10 games for the UT women's team last year; these include sophomore guard Jay-Ann Bravo-Harriott, who was the 2014-15 MAC Freshman of the Year.

Free parking will be available in lots 3, 4 and 5 adjacent to Savage Arena.

The UT Athletic Ticket Office will be open during the event for fans who wish to purchase season tickets or who want more information about tickets. Fans also may call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.



### TICKETS

Help the Rockets take care of business and have some fun with your business employees and customers with a pregame indoor tailgate party and the Toledo football game against Northern Illinois.

- Tailgate Party: Begins at 6 p.m. in Savage Arena
- Tailgate Package A
  - \$40: Sideline A ticket, food, and two (2) beverage tickets
- Tailgate Package B
  - \$35: Sideline B ticket, food, and two (2) beverage tickets
- Football Game: Rockets vs. Huskies at 8 p.m. at the Glass Bowl
- Promotion available until Thursday, Oct. 29

### PARKING

Visit [UTRockets.com](http://UTRockets.com) for the Glass Bowl seating diagram and game day parking information.

### HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

PHONE: 419.530.GOLD (4653)  
(\$6 flat fee when ordering over the phone)

MAIL: Mail in this form and payment to:

UT Ticket Office  
Mail Stop 302  
The University of Toledo  
2801 W. Bancroft St.  
Toledo, OH 43608-3309  
(\$6 flat fee when ordering by mail)

BRING TO: UT Ticket Office in Savage Arena on UT's Main Campus  
(No fee when ordering at UT Ticket Office)

Visit [UTRockets.com](http://UTRockets.com) for the Glass Bowl seating chart.  
For more information, contact Heather Lutz at [heather.lutz@utoledo.edu](mailto:heather.lutz@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.2486.

Coach Campbell, staff and players appreciate your support and want you to be part of Toledo Football. Help us pack the Glass Bowl.

**SEE YOU AT THE GAME!**

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Make checks payable to: The University of Toledo

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS TICKETS			
	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Sideline A Ticket & Indoor Tailgate		\$40.00	
Sideline B Ticket & Indoor Tailgate		\$35.00	

Processing Fee	\$6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	

## Indoor tailgate party planned prior to Rockets' game vs. Northern Illinois Nov. 3

By Steve Easton

An indoor tailgate party will be held in Savage Arena prior to nationally ranked Toledo's football game vs. Northern Illinois Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The party will begin at 6 p.m., two hours before UT's showdown with the Huskies. Two packages are available to purchase and both include an all-you-can-eat buffet and two beverage tickets.

Tailgate Package A is priced at \$40 and includes a game ticket in Sections 3, 7, 24 or 25. Tailgate Package B costs \$35 and includes a game ticket in Sections 1, 2, 8, 10, 26 or 27. Fans can visit [UTRockets.com](http://UTRockets.com) to view a seating chart.

Fans who already have tickets to the game can attend the tailgate party for \$20 each and must sign up by Thursday, Oct. 29.



Ticket packages can be purchased at the UT Ticket Office, by calling (419) 530-GOLD (4653), or mailing in the form above to the UT Ticket Office. A \$6 flat fee will be charged for phone and mail orders.

Individuals have until Thursday, Oct. 29, to sign up for the indoor tailgate party.

For more information, contact Matt Ritchie at [mattew.ritchie@utoledo.edu](mailto:mattew.ritchie@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.5124.

## UT Opera Ensemble to present Mozart's 'The Magic Flute' Oct. 29 and 31

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Opera Ensemble will honor Mozart with two performances of "The Magic Flute" Thursday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

The two-act opera by Mozart was first produced in 1791 in Vienna and quickly became a classic. An unwitting pawn of the Queen of the Night, Prince Tamino is promised her daughter, Pamina, if he can rescue her from the queen's enemy, Sarastro. Sarastro agrees to release her to Tamino only if he can pass three challenging tests. Aided by his magic flute and his friend, Papagano, who also was promised a wife, Tamino sets out to pass the tests and win Pamina.

The songs will be sung in the original German with the dialogue improvised and in English.

"The ensemble has prepared a delightful and inviting performance experience that will involve the audience in the action," said Dr. Denise Ritter Bernardini, UT assistant professor of music

and director of the UT Opera Ensemble, who is directing the production.

UT graduate student Andreea Lee will accompany on piano.

In addition to UT student singers, there will be guest artists, including faculty and alumni from the area.

The cast will feature students Devon Desmond as Papageno, Lauren Kerr as Pamina, Meridian Prall as the Second Lady, Nadia Oselsky as the Third Lady, William Floss as Monostatos, Mackenzie Payton as Spirit One, Juliana Rodriguez as Spirit Two, Celleste Carroll as Spirit Three, Raymon Walker as Speaker of the Temple/Priest/Slave, Mike Vanderpool as Priest/Slave/Voice One, Brent Schermbeck as Priest/Slave/Voice Two, Chelsie Cree as First Lady, and Annie Valade as Papagena.



ROYALS: UT alumna Ebone Waweru will be the Queen of the Night, and UT Music Department faculty member Micah Gaber will be King Sarastro in the UT Opera Ensemble's "The Magic Flute."

Also taking the stage will be UT alumna Ebone Waweru as the Queen of the Night, a role that also will be played by Elizabeth Hood; members of the UT Music Department Micah Gaber as King Sarastro and Laura Reaper as Third Lady; and Jordan Loyd as Tamino.

Tickets to the UT performances are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for faculty, staff, alumni and seniors 60 and older; and \$7 for students. Tickets are available by calling the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.ARTS (2787). Tickets also will be sold at the door.

## Glaciy Theatre Collective: 'Nightmares Come in Threes'

For its third annual Halloween show, the Glaciy Theatre Collective will horrify Toledo with three original 20-minute pieces in "Nightmares Come in Threes" Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, at 8 p.m.

The plays were developed from nightmares written in the dream journals of UT alumna Megan Aherne and Dr. Edmund B. Lingan, UT associate professor and chair of theatre and film.

The three pieces — "Fix," "Dolls" and "Pink" — will run like a haunted house attraction, with audience members visiting separate spaces one after another in the gallery at Handmade Toledo, located at 1717 Adams St.

There is voluntary low-level audience interaction, according to Lingan.

"In some cases, actors will simply move through the audience space, or an audience member may be asked to join the actors onstage," he said. "However, actors will not lay hands on any audience member at any time."

"Fix" and "Dolls" are both written and directed by Aherne.

"Fix" is a moment in the life of a bottom-level pusher of an alternative, man-

made drug. "It's a bloody, campy, wild ride of a show," she said.

"Dolls" is a dark and surreal introspection of a deranged man obsessed with baby dolls. "If he fancies you, he may invite you over for a tea party," Aherne said.

"Pink," directed by Lingan, is a demonically comic experience set to music and song. It takes place in an evangelical church of ungodly evil.

"The demon these weirdos worship is unnamed, but from the moment dark events begin to unfold, their unholy lord's identity is readily apparent," Lingan said.

"Pink" is based on a text by Lingan, but the final product was a collaborative piece created by the Glaciy Theatre Collective's Junk Box Theatre Initiative, which is focused on devising new works for the company.

The cast for "Fix" is Sean Koogan, Pasha Carter, Gina Gass, Kitty Hawwk and Mitchell Lengerich. Jeffrey Burden is the sole cast member for "Dolls." For "Pink," performers are Victoria Zajac, Lindsey

### NIGHTMARES COME IN THREES



FIX



DOLLS



PINK

Miller, Andres Medina, William Toth, John Toth and Danielle Hale.

Kelly McBane designed the costumes, and Zajac designed the makeup for "Pink."

Doors of the Handmade Toledo building will open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

Due to vulgar language, violent content and partial nudity, audience members must be 18 and older, or an adult must accompany younger audience members.

Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Go to <http://glaciy.org> for more information.

## University Teaching Center offers support for faculty

By Samantha Watson

Though the University Teaching Center has only been around for two years, it's had a big impact on UT faculty.

Last year, attendance numbers exceeded 500 for the various sessions and opportunities available through the center.

"We were really pleased with that for our first full year of operation," said Dr. Connie Shriner, vice provost for assessment and faculty development.

Going forward, the University Teaching Center is taking this momentum to continue current programs as well as introduce new ones. Right now, the center located in University Hall Room 5120 offers resources for faculty to help them in a variety of ways.

"I think the existence of the University Teaching Center is evidence of the support of the Provost's Office for teaching and for teachers," Shriner said. "The office wants to provide resources for faculty."

Throughout the year, the center hosts both webinars and seminars that are open to all faculty members. These include TECHTALKS, which are small seminars based on integrating technology into the classroom to create interactive environments for students.

They also discuss how technology can sometimes get in the way of teaching, so it should be used wisely.

"Technology is not the means to an end, it's not the end goal," said Vincent Rocha, director of the University Teaching Center. "It's a tool used to help with the learning objectives they have for their classes."

The center also subscribes to Monday Morning Mentor, a 20-minute program that gets sent out once a week and discusses topics like teaching, assessment, classroom management and more.

Another resource for faculty is the center's Student Observer Program. Faculty members can apply to have a student sit in on their class and evaluate their teaching, the atmosphere of the classroom and more. Each student is trained and is not originally part of the professor's class.

Faculty also can use the center to produce videos for their classroom to help supplement their teaching materials. The center offers a green screen, equipment and expertise to produce high-quality videos for faculty.

There are countless other resources available for faculty through the University Teaching Center. For more information, visit [utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc](http://utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc).

## Course Design Institute reinvigorates, connects faculty

By Samantha Watson

Over the summer, faculty members at The University of Toledo were given the chance to take a step back and re-evaluate their courses, and more than 20 took the opportunity.

They participated in the Course Design Institute, a professional development workshop for faculty interested in creating a new course or re-designing an existing one. Over the summer, the University Teaching Center hosted two different workshops with 12 faculty members in June and July.

One of the participants, Dr. Michael Weintraub, had nothing but good things to say about the program.

"It really helped to cement some of the principles of good teaching," said Weintraub, an associate professor of soil ecology in the Department of Environmental Sciences. "The biggest thing I got out of the Course Design Institute was not a single moment, but more of a permanent shift in my perspective and a broader view of how to teach effectively."

Those who participated in the program met each day from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a week. They discussed what they wanted to teach and how they wanted to teach, as well as what best practices existed.

"The goal is to have faculty take some time out and really think about a particular course that they want to do something new with," said Dr. Connie Shriner, vice provost

for assessment and faculty development. "Take some time for planning and revisions in order for them to improve the quality of what they're providing for students."

Since the workshop, Weintraub said he's already made changes to his course based on what he learned. The whole cohort plans to meet later this semester to discuss what changes they've made or plan to make.

One of the best parts of the program, according to both Weintraub and Shriner, was the chance for faculty to work with people they may not ordinarily collaborate with.

"It's not that often that we have the opportunity to spend a lot of time interacting with our colleagues from other departments and colleges," Weintraub said. "It was nice to hear different perspectives and approaches from people who teach different subjects and work with different student groups than I do."

The University Teaching Center plans to offer more workshops next summer, and faculty who wish to participate can find additional information and apply at [utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc](http://utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc).

"I encourage other faculty members to take advantage of this great professional development opportunity," Weintraub said. "I think the more training we get, the more effective we can be in the classroom and the more efficient we can be with our teaching as well."

## Quiet moment

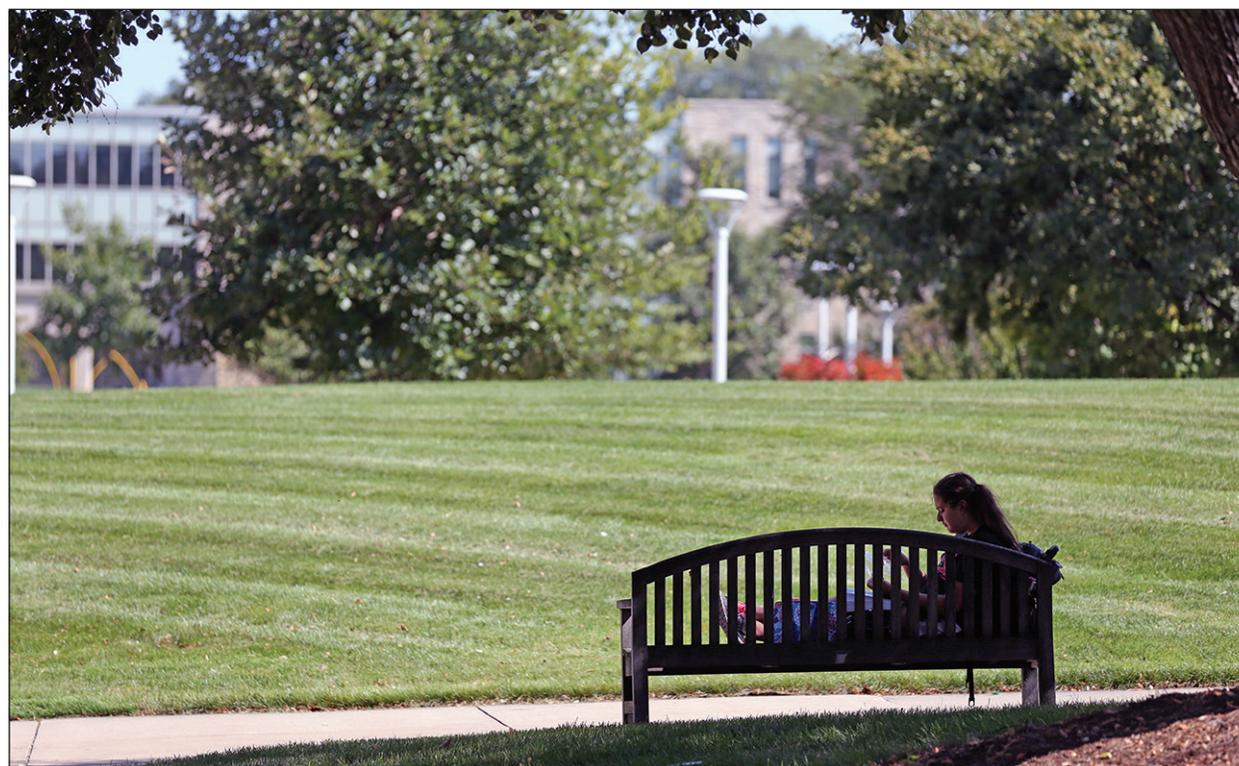


Photo by Daniel Miller

Morgan Martin took a study break on Centennial Mall last month.

## Activist/author to visit UT Oct. 29 and discuss LGBTQ troops in U.S. military

Dr. Aaron Belkin, director of the Palm Center, which commissions and distributes research on gender, sexuality and the military, will speak Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

He will discuss why the U.S. military within the last decade has changed 200 years of its official policy to become more inclusive for the LGBTQ community. He also will address how this change in policy came about and what more can be done to ensure the rights of LGBTQ personnel in the U.S. military.

"We are honored to have Dr. Aaron Belkin, a foremost scholar and researcher of LGBTQ experiences in the military, giving our annual lecture," said Dr. Renee Heberle, UT professor of political science and director for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. "His theoretical framework and critical thinking about masculinity and the implications of LGBTQ inclusion in the military will make his talk all the more challenging and interesting to our community."

"This event is a fitting conclusion to LGBTQ History Month as that history is full of struggle and fascinating dilemmas

regarding how to live and change a heteronormative culture. LGBTQ inclusion in militarist projects is a site of intense debate among activists. Dr. Belkin will help the larger community of northwest Ohio understand some of those debates."

From the 2011 repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy to Defense Secretary Ashton Carter's 2015 announcement of a working group to study how to end the transgender ban in the U.S. military, tremendous strides have been made in the last decade for members of the LGBTQ community wishing to serve in the U.S. military, Heberle said.

"Dr. Belkin will attempt to explain these changes in official policy, drawing on a range of cultural, political and organizational factors," she said. "Dr. Belkin is especially interested in helping us understand the activist and organizational strategies that have resulted in these vast changes."

A noted author, activist and scholar, Belkin's most recent book is titled *Bring Me Men: Military Masculinity and the Benign Façade of American Empire, 1898-2001*.

Since 1999, he has served as founding director of the Palm Center, which The



Belkin

Advocate named as one of the most effective gay rights organizations in the nation. Belkin has appeared on CNN, PBS Newshour, ABC News and Fox News.

For more information on the free, public event, contact Heberle 419.530.4151 or renee.heberle@utoledo.edu.

## YouTube star to visit UT campus for LGBTQ History Month

By Lindsay Mahaney

Anyone can work toward equality; The University of Toledo's LGBTQ History Month's keynote speaker is proof of that.

YouTube sensation Kat Blaque will speak Thursday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

Through her online platform, Blaque speaks out about transgender and feminist issues. Her main YouTube channel, TransDIYer/Kat Blaque, has more than 39,000 followers.

"Her perspective is important because black trans women are the most susceptible to violence in the LGBT-plus community," said Jack Alferio, president of Spectrum UT. "More than 20 trans women have been murdered in the United States in 2015 alone."

"The University of Toledo is very happy and proud to support the trans women of color community by having Kat Blaque keynote our LGBT-plus History Month."

Blaque will discuss intersectionality and her experience as a black transgender woman during her presentation — topics that she frequents in her YouTube videos.



Blaque

In addition to her work on the video-sharing website, Blaque has animated several short films, including "Sometimes You're a Caterpillar" by fellow YouTube personality Franchesca "Chescaleigh" Ramsey.

Alferio said Blaque was selected as the keynote speaker because she is relatable to college students and her social media platforms are easily accessible for everyone.

For more information on the free, public talk, call the UT Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.

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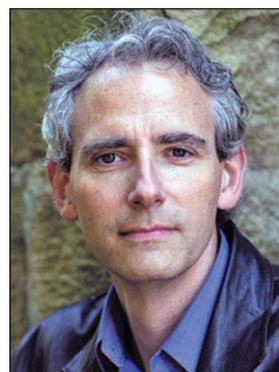
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## Award-winning novelist to speak Oct. 30

By Cassandra DeYoung

**B**ruce Holsinger, an award-winning historical fiction, crime and mystery novelist and literary scholar, will speak during “An Evening of Historical Fiction” Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in Libbey Hall.

The free, public event will feature a question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Ben Stroud, assistant professor of English in the UT College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, with a book signing and reception.



Holsinger

“This is a great way to be introduced to a new author you might not have heard about before,” said Dr. Christina M. Fitzgerald, UT professor of English and director of the Humanities Institute.

Holsinger new novel, *The Invention of Fire*, has

received starred reviews in *Publisher’s Weekly* and *Library Journal* and was named an Amazon Book of the Month in April. It is set in medieval London when gun violence in the Western world begins to emerge in society for the first time and follows John Gower, the protagonist, as he investigates the killings caused by a new and terrifying weapon called “handgonnes.”

“Even though [Holsinger] writes about the past, the significance of ‘handgonnes’ to the plot of his current book is very timely,” Fitzgerald said. “Sometimes the study of the past or the creative presentation of it can speak to our own day and age in prescient and important ways, and I think that’s true of Holsinger’s latest book.”

Additionally, Holsinger teaches courses on medieval and modern literature at the University of Virginia, and has taught historical fiction in a massive open online course called *Plagues, Witches and War: The Worlds of Historical Fiction*.

The event is hosted by the Humanities Institute in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. It seeks to sustain the work of humanities scholars at UT and to spread knowledge and expertise to a larger community of learners both inside and outside the University.

“The Humanities Institute promotes all of the disciplines in the humanities,” Fitzgerald said. “Our events this year have been cross-disciplinary with an underlining theme in history.”

For more information on Holsinger and his work, visit [bruceholsinger.com](http://bruceholsinger.com).

For more information on the Humanities Institute, visit [utoledo.edu/llss/humanities](http://utoledo.edu/llss/humanities).

## Submissions sought for International Education Week Photo Contest

By Cathy Zimmer

**T**he UT Community is invited to celebrate International Education Week by entering a photo contest.

Photos shot overseas or domestic photos of international events will be accepted.

There will be a category for students and a category for faculty and staff.

Photos must be submitted by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

“We believe the international photo contest is a great way to engage the UT community in International Education Week and highlight our students’ and colleagues’ international experiences,” said Brad Gosche, education abroad adviser in the Center for International Studies and Programs. “Submitting a photo is easy; just email a high-quality photo to [eduabroad@utoledo.edu](mailto:eduabroad@utoledo.edu). Note in the subject line ‘Photo Contest.’ Attach your photo and provide your name, college/department, location and date photo was taken. Students also should share their major and expected graduation year.”

Submitted photos will be displayed in the Student Union Tom Trimble Lounge from Wednesday Nov. 11, through Friday, Nov. 20.

“The campus community is encouraged to submit a vote for their favorite student and/or faculty or staff photo,” Gosche added. “Ballots can be picked up and submitted at the Student Union Ask Rocky Information Desk, Room 2525A.”

Winners will receive two movie tickets.

For more information and details on how to submit photos, visit [utoledo.edu/cisp/iew](http://utoledo.edu/cisp/iew).

## Haunted house to materialize on Main Campus Oct. 28

By Cassandra DeYoung

**A** haunted house will rise up in the Flatlands Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 8 to 11 p.m.

“The main attraction will be the haunted house, which will be built like a legit haunted house with a metal framework structure,” said Mikaela Kucera, UT biology student and director of traditions in Campus Activities and Programming. “It will have five different rooms students can go through and will include various safety exits throughout the building.”

A liability waiver must be signed, and students must receive a wristband before entering the Haunted House.

Additional activities at the free, public event will include pumpkin tic-tac-toe, witch hat ring toss, pumpkin painting and a doughnut-eating contest while supplies last.

“Not a lot of people have the funds or transportation to go to haunted houses in the area or Halloweekends at Cedar Point, and what Campus Activities and Programming does is provide collegiate experiences for students like Halloween festivities on campus so they can still participate and have these experiences,” Kucera said. “Plus, this is a great free event to start your Halloween weekend.”

Students will receive a ticket at each activity they participate in, excluding the pumpkin painting and doughnut-eating contest; the tickets can be entered to win a Campus Activities and Programming prize pack.



The event is sponsored by Campus Activities and Programming, an organization controlled and governed by students to meet the needs of the student body and University community. It provides entertainment, social and educational programming to fulfill the collegiate experience of UT students.

If it rains, the event will be held in the Student Recreation Center.

For more information, email Kucera at [mikaela.kucera@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:mikaela.kucera@rockets.utoledo.edu).

## Satellites to hold sale Oct. 28-30

**S**top by the Satellites Auxiliary’s book fair this week. Check out books, tablets, Bluetooth devices, portable speakers and power, earbuds, and more.

Prices are 30 percent to 70 percent off retail prices.

The sale will take place in UT Medical Center’s Four Seasons Bistro Atrium Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cash, check, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit scholarships.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide volunteer services.

For more information on the sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, at [lynn.brand@utoledo.edu](mailto:lynn.brand@utoledo.edu).