

UT Iron Chef Competition



Photos By Daniel Miller



CULINARY CRITICS: Toledo Mayor Mike Bell and Student Government President Paulette Bongratz posed for a photo during the UT Iron Chef Competition last week. They were two of many guest judges for the contest.

SIZZLING DISH: Members of the Multicultural Leadership and Service Living Learning Community, in orange aprons from left, Antonio Allen, program coordinator for the community, Taylor Jennings, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, and Carmina Burley, a freshman majoring in social work, prepared filling to stuff red potatoes as Chef Miguel Sanchez, who works in the Student Union South Dining Hall, watched last week during the UT Iron Chef Competition. The team, which also included freshman David Calhoun, took top honors at the event. Competitors found out the secret ingredient — potatoes — at the start of the contest and cooked up dishes that were sampled by several guest judges.

University, American Cancer Society seek study participants

By Amelia Acuna

The University of Toledo and the American Cancer Society are teaming up to encourage participation in the latest phase of a national cancer study.

The Cancer Prevention Study-3 is the third phase of an ongoing effort to discover the causes of the disease. In phase one, the study officially linked cigarette smoking to lung cancer. In phase two, obesity and certain foods were identified as causes. Phase three is expected to further increase understanding.

“The past decade has seen an explosion of new knowledge about cancer that has shown great promise for our ability to control this often devastating health problem,” said Dr. Roland T. Skeel, UT professor of medicine. “While new, more targeted and individualized treatments have improved our ability to fight against cancer, this study to improve our understanding of the causes of cancer can do even more to help reduce the number of lives impacted by this disease.”

“The Cancer Prevention Study has revealed incredibly important things about the relationship between human behaviors and cancer,” said Toledo Mayor Mike Bell. “I am very excited about this partnership with the American Cancer Society, The

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Assistant coach named MAC Football Recruiter of Year by Scout/Fox SportsNext

By Paul Helgren

University of Toledo Assistant Football Coach Scott Ispording has been named the Mid-American Conference Recruiter of the Year by Scout/FoxSportsNext.

Ispording helped the Rockets attain the No. 1 recruiting class in the Mid-American Conference, according to every national scouting service.

According to the Scout.com website, Ispording is credited for recruiting “two highly touted quarterbacks, Logan Woodside

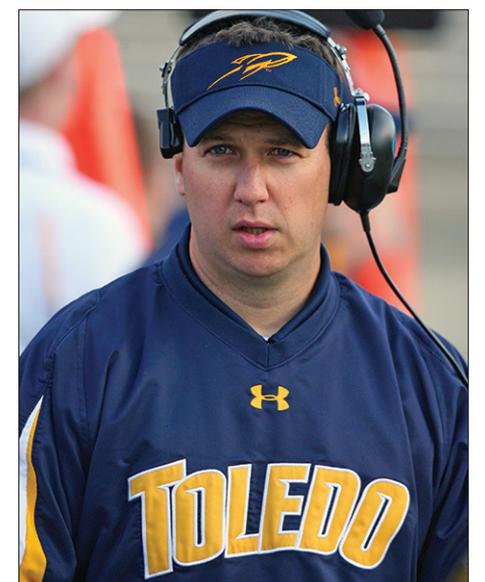
from Kentucky and then Michael Julian from South Carolina, whom he stole away from several BCS [Bowl Championship Series] offers.”

Ispording, who coaches the quarterbacks, will be entering his fourth season at UT next fall.

“Scott always does a great job recruiting, and we are particularly pleased to be bringing in two top quarterback prospects in this year’s class,” said UT Head Football Coach Matt Campbell. “Scott and our entire

staff did a fantastic job recruiting this year. Honors like these reflect on the great job our entire staff is doing recruiting future Rockets.”

Offensive Line Coach Tom Manning also received recognition this year, earning a spot on Rivals.com’s “Top Recruiters” list for Non-BCS schools. Manning is the only coach from the Mid-American Conference to make the list.



Ispording

Applications for student trustee position due April 1

By Brian Purdue

As a voice and face of the student body, serving as one of the two student members on the Board of Trustees presents students with one of the most influential positions available at The University of Toledo.

Applications are being accepted to replace current student trustee Josh Beekman, whose term will conclude at the end of this academic year. Student trustee Brittney Brown will continue to serve through the 2014 academic year.

“This position in particular is very important for students to become involved in because the board makes big decisions that impact the entire campus and, quite frankly, they need some type of student input,” Brown said.

Student trustees attend all board meetings, including corresponding committee meetings to which they are appointed, and report information to the Student Senate at regular meetings.

“It’s important that all students who qualify for a trustee position give it serious consideration,” said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. “Student trustees have a unique chance to contribute input when decisions affecting education are being debated. In a very real way, they can be part of a process that affects their future and the future of all students.

“It’s also something to consider from a professional standpoint, as working with our

board creates contacts stretching across the region.”

Applications for the student trustee position must be received by noon Monday, April 1, by Tamika Dobbins with the Office for the Student Experience, located in Student Union Room 2521.

Applications can be filled out by any student who meets the following criteria:

- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above;
- Must be enrolled full time at the time of nomination or appointment;
- Must have been enrolled for three semesters on a full-time basis at The University of Toledo prior to nomination and appointment;

- May not be under conduct probation or other disciplinary action; and
- Must be a registered Ohio voter.

The application form includes a place for students to provide information on their time at UT, including any volunteer work, internships or activities.

The selection process involves an application review and interviews with Student Government. No more than five semifinal candidates then will be submitted to the Governor’s Office of the state of Ohio for final selection.

Applications for the trustee position are available at utoledo.edu/studenttrusteeapplication.



SPECIAL GUESTS: Neo Maruping, far left, and Barongwa Baipidi, far right, both education attachés at the Botswana Embassy in Washington, D.C., talked last week with UT Botswana students, from left, Mercy Ramoeng and Lesedi Ramabokwa, to see how they’re doing and note their impressions of the University. While on campus, Maruping and Baipidi also met with President Lloyd Jacobs, as well as administrators, deans and faculty members. UT is engaging in a dialogue with the Ministry of Education in Botswana that may result in a partnership, according to Dr. Rubin Patterson, UT professor and chair of sociology and anthropology, and director of the African Studies Program.

Photo By Daniel Miller

‘The Relevant University’ to air March 26

By Meghan Cunningham

Tune in to “The Relevant University” Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

This month, Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, embraces March Madness and explores how success in the NCAA college basketball tournament translates into brand recognition for the institutions involved.

In this episode:

- Tod Kowalczyk, UT head men’s basketball coach, talks about collegiate athletics as an important part of the student experience.
- Kriss Kassel, associate athletic director of external operations at Gonzaga University, explains how deep runs in the NCAA tournament

have brought name recognition to the small school in Washington.

- Charlie Metzger, executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Palace Sports and Entertainment, shares the details of hosting NCAA tournament games.
- And Dr. Khaled Shahrou, assistant professor of urology at The University of Toledo Medical

Center, provides information about the significant increase in a specific medical procedure for men each year right before the tournament.

The University and Detroit’s WJR Radio produce the monthly, hourlong program that explores the critical role higher education plays in our world.

Listen at utoledo.edu/therelevantuniversity.



In memoriam

Dr. William A. Olorunto, Copley, Ohio, an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery from 2009 to 2012, died Jan. 28 at age 49.

Women's symposium to bring WOW factor

By Samantha Watson

As Women's History Month comes to a close, the first Women of the World (WOW) Symposium is designed to empower and inspire.

The conference will take place Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The University of Toledo's Scott Park Auditorium. Throughout the day, there will be door prizes, vendors, performances and presentations.

"Women so often don't take the time for themselves," said Emily Hardcastle, community outreach manager for the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, and an organizer of the event. "This is meant to be a day that's just for them."

The event is free and open to all women, who will attend two individual breakout sessions presented by members of the UT and Toledo communities. They also will hear this year's keynote speaker, Margaret Wong, talk about

her transition from immigrant to immigration lawyer.

Between sessions, guests will have the opportunity to learn about local women-oriented vendors, use creative space for crafts, and undergo health screenings.

"This conference is all about providing resources, knowledge and fellowship for women from across the community," Hardcastle said.

Last year, UT hosted a similar event called the Women's Empowerment Summit that was sponsored by the President's Lecture Series on Diversity and the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women. Creating the WOW Symposium allowed more than 10 community women's organizations to be involved, and the event could provide more resources for attendees.

To register or for more information, visit wowtoledo.org/index.



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Lunch provided for those who register before March 24, 2013 or until space is full.

Bullying topic of March 28 talk

"Bullying: Some Facts and What You Can Do" will be discussed by two UT faculty members Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Park Church, 1456 Harvard Blvd., Toledo.

The free, public talk is part of the spring lecture series sponsored by the Toledo chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a national nonprofit organization that celebrates diversity, promotes equality, and offers education and dialogue.

Dr. Susan Telljohann, professor of health education, and Sherry Tripepi, lecturer in social work, will talk about bullying and its consequences, as well as ways to prevent and deal with it as part of Equality Toledo's Safe School Project.

"Presenting to the Toledo chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is especially important because LGBT youth and adults are at higher risk of being teased, bullied and harassed compared to the general population," Telljohann said.

She and Tripepi pointed to a recent eye-opening survey by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network that found:

- Nearly 81.9 percent of LGBT students reported being verbally harassed.
- 38.3 percent were physically harassed and 18.3 percent said they were physically assaulted.
- 63.5 percent indicated they felt unsafe because of their sexual orientation and 43.9 percent sensed they were in danger because of their gender expression.
- About 30 percent reported missing a day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe compared to 4.5 percent of the general student population.

"It is important for all individuals — parents, teachers, community members — to understand the problems associated with bullying and ways they can help prevent or stop it because of the many negative physical and emotional consequences that victims face," Tripepi said.

For more information on the lecture, email susan.telljohann@utoledo.edu or sherry.tripepi@utoledo.edu.

UToledo Inside scheduled for March 27

The first edition of UToledo Inside, formally known as the president's town hall, featured details on the Main Campus strategic plan and customer satisfaction at UT Medical Center.

President Lloyd Jacobs and Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, will host the second episode Wednesday, March 27, at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Trimble Lounge.

Guests will include:

- Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor and vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.
- Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy, along with faculty from the

Astronomy Department Dr. J.D. Smith, Dr. Rupali Chandar and Dr. Mike Cushing.

- Daniel Janisz, a UT student who organized this year's Big Event community service project.

Jefferson Award winners also will be honored during the show.

UToledo Inside features new video components different than the former town hall.

Stream UToledo Inside online at video.utoledo.edu, and send questions to townhallquestions@utoledo.edu.



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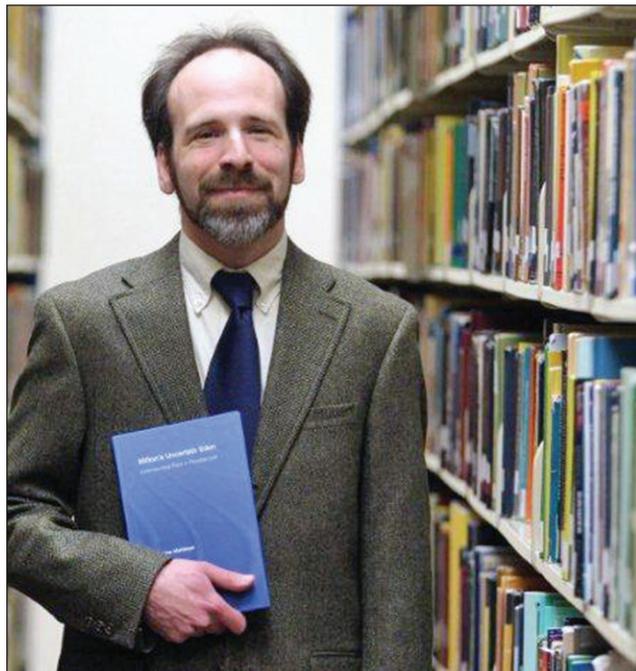


<http://utole.do/roundtable5>

English professor publishes book on work of 17th century poets

By Casey Cheap

Dr. Andrew Mattison, associate professor of English, has a passion for poetry and is especially excited when he gets the chance to teach his students some of his favorite works, such as those of John Milton.



Mattison

Mattison believes in many respects that his research and teaching are united, as he shows in his latest book, *The Unimagined in English Renaissance: Poetry and the Limits of Mimesis*, in which he seeks to expand on questions raised in the classroom.

“It takes a project like this to show how intertwined writing a book is with teaching,” Mattison said. “Many of the questions addressed in the book come from teaching. I think it has made me a better teacher in that respect.”

Published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, the book focuses on description and imagery in Renaissance

poetry, but according to Mattison, not on descriptions that present a vivid image to the reader’s mind, but on those that seem to avoid doing so.

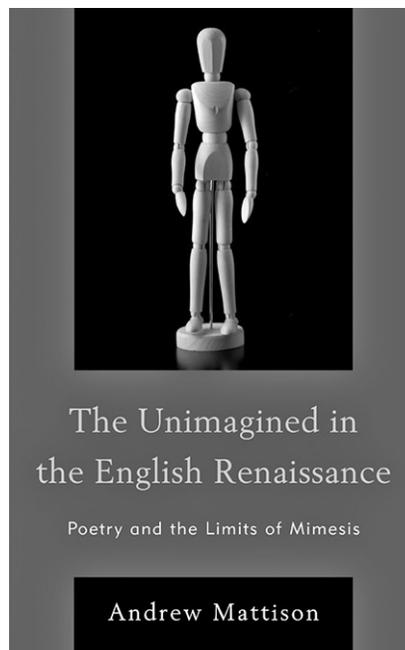
The book focuses on the work of poets Edmund Spenser, John Donne, Philip Sidney and Milton, and follows a 100-year period, from 1575 when Sidney entered the court of Elizabeth I to the death of Milton in 1674.

English poetry of the Renaissance is of special interest to Mattison because poets of the era were keenly interested in literary representation. *The Unimagined in English Renaissance* picks up where his 2007 book, *Milton’s Uncertain Eden*, left off.

“I’m sure you have heard the old cliché, ‘Seeing is believing,’” Mattison said. “But I argue just the opposite: that obscurity is clearer than revelation. My book argues that poetry is most poetic — most distinctive from other forms — when its goals are not visual.”

The course he teaches on Milton is his favorite class, and just as in his first book, he builds much of his consensus around Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, an epic poem originally published in 1667 in 10 books and later re-published in 12 books.

The Unimagined in English Renaissance: Poetry and the Limits of Mimesis is available in Carlson Library and for sale online and at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore.



Shapiro Essay winners announced

By Casey Cheap

The judges have made their decisions, and 15 students have been recognized for their editing skills.

The Shapiro Essay Contest is held annually by the Department of English Language and Literature and provides students an opportunity to win cash prizes for revising a poorly written essay.

This year, there were 132 participants from all ranks and departments, according to Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer of English and the contest director.

The student winners are:

- Bradley Sommer, senior history major, \$500;
- Zachary Dietrich, senior mathematics major, \$400;
- Zachary Feit, sophomore exercise science major, \$300;
- Anthony Mecurio, sophomore education major, \$200;
- Audrey Miklovic, sophomore nursing major, \$100;
- Jeanette Beerbower, freshman English major, \$75;
- Devin Brown, junior nursing major, \$75;
- Eric DiBell, freshman undecided, \$75;
- Neil Duris, junior humanities major, \$75;
- Lucas Jones, freshman mechanical engineering major, \$75;
- Lauka Mackenzie, junior marketing major, \$75;
- Zachary Reaver, senior bioengineering and biochemistry major, \$75;
- Joshua Staffeld, sophomore pharmacy major, \$75;
- Morrison Wilson, junior English major, \$75 and
- Nicholas Mecurio, sophomore accounting major, \$75.

“This contest is not only an exercise in healthy intellectual competition, but thanks to the late Dr. Edward Shapiro’s generosity, students can win money that helps them pay for books, fees and tuition,” Coulter-Harris said.

Coulter-Harris said she wanted to thank all English Department faculty who made the contest possible and those who served as monitors.

University, American Cancer Society

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University of Toledo and the city of Toledo that empowers our citizens to be proactive in the fight against cancer.”

The study is open to anyone between the ages of 30 and 65 who has never been diagnosed with cancer. The University’s goal is to enroll 800 adults from various racial and ethnic backgrounds in northwest Ohio to collect data that may one day help eliminate cancer as a major health risk.

The first step will take place at UT enrollment sites, scheduled on Main and Health Science campuses from Tuesday, April 16, through Saturday, April 20. Participants will be asked to read and sign a consent form, complete a small

written survey, and provide a waist circumference and a small blood sample.

Additional steps will occur at home. Participants will be asked to complete ongoing surveys that will include questions about factors related to their health. These surveys will be mailed periodically over the span of the research study.

For more information or to register to participate, visit ToledoCPS3.org or contact Andrew Mariani at 888.227.6445 extension 5103 or andrew.mariani@cancer.org.



Photo by Cameron Norton

SPREADING THE WORD: Dr. Roland Skeel, UT professor of medicine, was interviewed by WTOL News 11 after a press conference last week to announce that the University and the American Cancer Society are partnering for a research study.

UT artists in spotlight for 'You Are Here Toledo' work

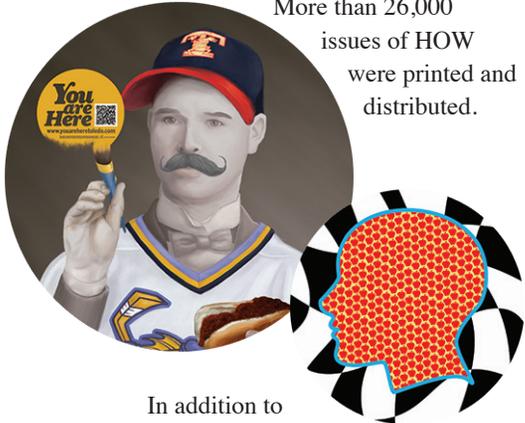
By Kelly McGilvery

The University of Toledo arts community was among the participants in the internationally recognized "You Are Here Toledo" place-making project.

Last spring, 100 dots were placed around Toledo in locations of historical significance. The design of each dot was created as a celebration of its location and a meditation on its relationship with the city.

HOW Magazine, one of the leading publications covering graphic design, celebrates 242 of the best design projects of the year in its March issue, the International Design Awards Annual. Of those, 20 were selected to be featured as outstanding examples of websites and mobile applications. "You Are Here Toledo" is one of the recipients of an Outstanding Award and receives a full page in the magazine.

More than 26,000 issues of HOW were printed and distributed.



In addition to this international honor, "You Are Here Toledo" was one of eight projects to be presented at a national American Institute of Graphic Arts gathering in Salt Lake City last year.

Of approximately 200 artists who entered the "You Are Here Toledo" competition, 100 were selected to design a dot. Nearly 30 of those were UT students, faculty and alumni.

"Each of us made an original work of art in response to our assigned location, which was later printed on an industrial material [3 feet in diameter] that was attached to the ground at each of the assigned locations," explained Deborah Orloff, UT professor of art. "Each round image contained the 'you are here' logo and a QR code. When people scanned it, they could read about the location, the artist's statement about the

artwork, a bio, and get more info about the project."

She added, "This is a great example of one of the many collaborative projects our students and faculty have been involved with in the greater community."

"You Are Here Toledo" was created and implemented by the Toledo chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts and the One Percent for Art Program administered by the Arts Commission. Other partners in the project included Hanson Inc., which created the website and mobile application enabling user participation, and printers Homewood Press and CGS Imaging. The program ran from May through October 2012. The dots now have been removed from their sites around the city.

Dan Hernandez, UT assistant professor of art, was one of the coordinators of this project when he worked as coordinator of the Art in Public Places Program of the Arts Commission.

An archive of the project can be seen at youareheretoledo.com.

UT-affiliated artists and the dots they created were:

- Ericka Bilby, Ned Skeldon Stadium;
- Eric Broz, Imagination Station;
- Alicia Budzinski, Point Place Lighthouse;
- Qina Chen, Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion;
- Aaron Ellsley, UpTown Toledo;
- Aaron Fetter, 5 Points/Mancy's and Toledo School for the Arts;
- David Folck, Huntington Center;
- Ryan Forquer: Warehouse District/South Superior Street;

- Britney Gerathy, Jesup W. Scott High School;
- Sandra Haas, Harvard Circle Fountain/Maumee River;
- Clifton Harvey, Birkhead Place;
- Liz Kiggins, Toledo Club;
- Rodriguez Lehmann, UT

- Health Science Campus
- Victor Lewis, Jamie Farr Park;
- Tom Lingeman, Valentine Theatre;
- Britney MacIntyre, Jesup W. Scott High School;
- Shannon Mossing, Owens Corning Trail;
- Deborah Orloff, Toledo Farmers Market;
- Jessica Ostrander, Collingwood Presbyterian Church;
- Lauren Pfund, Toledo History Museum;
- Crystal Phelps, Promenade Park;
- Emily Pohlman, James M. Schoonmaker/ Willis B. Boyer Museum Shop;
- Ben Pond, Commodore Perry Building/Apartments;
- Rachele Raymer-Gilbert, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church;
- Arturo Rodriguez, San Marcos Taqueria & Grocery;
- Kyle Tate, East Side Commercial Block; and
- Nik Vechery, Oliver House.



UT graduate symposium hopes to grow, inspire students; register by March 29

By Samantha Watson

The Midwest Graduate Research Symposium at The University of Toledo has seen more student involvement every year, but now its planners are thinking bigger than ever.

This year's event will take place Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Field House. Students at the graduate and postdoctoral levels from multiple disciplines and universities throughout the Midwest will give oral and poster presentations of their research.

"One of the reasons this event is unique is because it's multidisciplinary and multi-university," said Aaron Shaw, secretary of the Graduate Student Association on UT's Health Science Campus.

Last year, 24 schools were invited to send students to the event, which yielded 185 presentations. This year 62 schools were invited and students from Ohio State University, Purdue University, the University of Michigan and many others have submitted abstracts for presentations.

The symposium is run by UT's Graduate Student Association, which has expanded the event every year since taking the helm in 2009.

It originally was known as the Toledo Graduate Forum, which was limited to UT students.

The association's goal for this event is to make it the go-to graduate symposium in the Midwest and positively brand UT in the process. Last year, the Graduate Student Association proposed this idea to University administrators, who invested in the event, making it funded through the institution rather than sponsors, and tying the two entities together.

This year, the conference will feature free breakfast, lunch and semi-formal dinner for all who register. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Alan Shaw, chief executive officer and president of Vedantra Pharmaceuticals Inc., who will receive an award at the event.

Awards also are given to two students in each area of interest — one oral presentation and one poster presentation. Presentations are judged by faculty from various universities.

Graduate and postdoctoral students may register to present at www.utoledogs.com before Friday, March 29; postdoctoral students and faculty members also may register to be judges. The same registration site can be used by those who wish to volunteer the day of the event.

See how UT education student makes teaching science more culturally relevant

By Samantha Watson

When people think of science classrooms, they don't tend to think about sociological theory and multicultural education — but a course at The University of Toledo does.

On Monday, April 1, from noon to 1 p.m. in Gillham Hall Room 3100-C, doctoral education student Nithya Doraiswamy will present her research on social foundations for science classroom praxis. The presentation is part of a research colloquium series that takes place every semester.

Doraiswamy and her adviser Dr. Lynne Hamer, associate professor of educational theory and social foundations of education, helped redesign a required Social Foundations of Education course for science classroom praxis. They also used input from Dr. Charlene Czerniak, professor of curriculum and instruction, who specializes in science education.

The course offered sociological theory and multicultural education

frameworks in the context of science education and teacher leadership to create inclusive, equitable and culturally relevant teaching practices for science classrooms and professional development.

"This course was unique because it aimed to enhance and transform existing science classroom practices instead of just adding to them," Doraiswamy said.

Along with Hamer, Doraiswamy taught the new course last summer through the LEADERS grant funded by the National Science Foundation. They plan to teach the course again this summer, with Doraiswamy using the action research process to reflect on the teaching and learning of the previous class for future improvements.

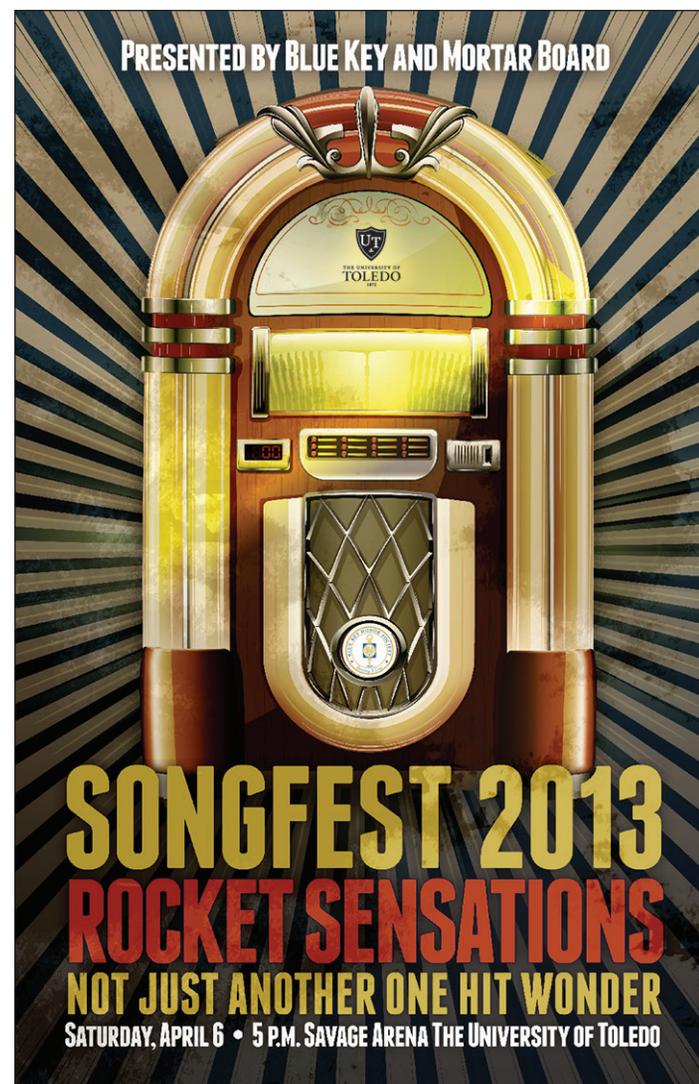
For more information about the presentation or the colloquium, contact Dr. Revathy Kumar, assistant professor of foundations of education, at revathy.kumar@utoledo.edu.

UT students: Show your SWAG by working hard

For the next two weeks, post creative pictures and videos of you and your friends working hard at a UT-related activity.

The winners of the best post will receive a **SWAG BAG** full of UT gear.

Go to facebook.com/groups/utswag and [@utswag](https://twitter.com/utswag) to submit your pictures and any posts/videos that show how important working hard is for reaching your goals.



Students: Register by April 6 to dance at RockeTHON

By Casey Cheap

The yearly philanthropic 13-hour bash formerly known as UT Dance Marathon got a makeover, which includes a new name.

Dubbed RockeTHON, this year's dance marathon will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in the Student Recreation Center.

The event is going to be more aggressively promoted through Facebook and Twitter. The goal is to have about 1,000 people compete and raise \$100,000.

Besides the name, the color scheme for RockeTHON has been changed from blue and gold to lime green, so it "doesn't get lost in the crowd," according to Price Murphy, RockeTHON director.

"We are currently on pace to beat last year's numbers," Murphy said. "Last year we had about 625 students participate in the event and raised just about \$70,000."

All money raised is donated to the Children's Miracle Network, which disperses the proceeds locally to Mercy Children's Hospital.

"We are the largest student-run philanthropy on campus," Murphy said.

"Since 2001, we have raised nearly \$500,000. That is pretty impressive for an organization that has been around for just over a decade."

To make students realize the importance of the event, 23 families will share their miracle stories.

This year's activities will include live entertainment by local bands Halero and Clark and Danko. There also will be an obstacle course for teams composed of student organization members to compete for "spirit points," and there will be special prizes for those who accrue the most points at the end of the night.

And there will be a dance lesson each hour.

"By the time the 13 hours are up, everyone will know the whole dance," Murphy said. "An instructor will be

teaching probably over 700 people at a time."

The theme of this year's RockeTHON will be "America in 13 hours," with sub-themes for different events: Wild West, military, rave and Hawaiian beach.

"The more people we have there, the more awareness we can raise for the

families," Murphy said. "Whatever people can contribute is great."

The deadline to register for RockeTHON is midnight Saturday, April 6.

Students with inquiries can reach Murphy at price.murphy@rockets.utoledo.edu or check out Facebook.com/RockeTHON.



A screenshot of a Facebook event page for "RockeTHON: The University of Toledo's Dance Marathon". The event is scheduled for April 20th, 2013, from 10am to 11pm. The URL is www.helpmakemiracles.org/event/utdm2013. The page shows 304 likes and 90 people talking about it. There are buttons for "Like" and "Message".

Alpha Xi Delta, UT to 'Light It Up Blue' for autism

On Tuesday, April 2, World Autism Day, you may notice University Hall's bell tower and Mulford Library lit up blue.

Major landmarks including the Pyramids of Giza and the Sydney Opera House also will be lit up blue to help raise awareness of autism.

Alpha Xi Delta, a national sorority, and the University will work together in "Light It Up Blue," an Autism Speaks program.

"We proudly support the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for shining (the blue) light on World Autism Awareness Day," Dr. Sammy Span, assistant provost for international studies and programs, said. "For UT to participate in a national and international phenomenon to help raise

awareness of autism and the impact it has on so many families is profound, but what's more impressive are the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for considering such a social endeavor."

Autism is a development disorder that is characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors. A new case is diagnosed every 20 minutes; this year, more children will be diagnosed with autism than with AIDS, diabetes and pediatric cancer combined, according to Autism Speaks.

To get involved with "Light It Up Blue" or to learn more about Autism Speaks, contact Emily Jacobson at emily.jacobson2@rockets.utoledo.edu.



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*Planned fun activities for students from
kindergarten through high school.*

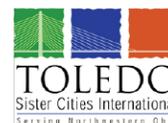
Enjoy entertainment, food, crafts and souvenirs from around the world! Share pride in your heritage and learn about other cultures and opportunities to connect with Sister Cities.

- Eight full hours of international performances featuring music, dance, and martial arts!
- Ethnic restaurants featuring savory foods for purchase.
- Beer and wine available. Coffee and soft drinks also available for purchase.
- Celebrate the cultures of Toledo's Sister Cities, from countries including Spain, China, Hungary, Poland, Japan, Tanzania, Germany, Lebanon, Pakistan, India, and more!

In this, our fourth Annual International Festival, we have cultural souvenir and craft vendors and a language corner where you can learn basic phrases from multiple languages. Bring the family! Enjoy the music!

Free Parking! Volunteers available to guide you to Festival.

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