UToledo researchers capture first newly hatched invasive grass carp within Great Lakes watershed

A genetic analysis conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey recently confirmed that larval, or newly hatched, fish collected by researchers at The University of Toledo from the Maumee River during summer 2018 are grass carp, one species of invasive Asian carp that threaten the Great Lakes. The Maumee River is a tributary to Lake Erie.

These young fish are the first grass carp collected in their larval stage from within the Great Lakes watershed. Other life stages, including fertilized eggs, juveniles and adults, have been previously documented in tributaries and shoreline areas of Lake Erie. Identifying locations with larval grass carp in the Maumee River will help inform management decisions and allow natural resource agencies to better focus limited resources on grass carp removal efforts.

“If grass carp become abundant in Lake Erie, they could consume large amounts of aquatic vegetation, ultimately reducing habitat for native fish and other aquatic animals, and diminishing food resources for waterbirds,” said Patrick Kočovský, U.S. Geological Survey scientist. “The Lake Erie ecosystem is a major contributor to the Great Lakes’ multi-billion-dollar per year fishery.”

On June 13 and 26, 2018, a crew from The University of Toledo collaborating with the U.S. Geological Survey sampled the Maumee River in Toledo for early life stages of grass carp. The larval grass carp were collected near the I-280 bridge in Toledo and near the river mouth adjacent to Brenner’s Marina during high water flow events typical of spawning conditions for grass carp.

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Professor awarded Fulbright to study world history of teaching music literacy through folk songs

By Christine Billau

Babies babble or drift asleep as mothers and fathers sing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat,” “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” “Itsy-Bitsy Spider” and other lullabies that have been passed down through generations.

Toddlers sing along.

When Hilma Stover recognized the music bug bit her 3-year-old daughter, Pam, in a special way, her creative use of a beauty product took those classic folk songs to the next level and would fuel Pam’s lifelong dedication to early childhood music education.

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“This Fulbright is one of the best things that has ever happened in my career and is the culmination of about 15 years of background research and 35 years of teaching,” Stover said. “The opportunity to do archival research at the incredible Kodály Institute is an honor. The institute provides international teacher training and houses an invaluable and rare collection of folk songs not only from Hungary, but from around the world. This treasure trove, which
Pharmaceutics, and chair and professor of the Division of associate dean of the School of Pharmacy, at Chapel Hill. He served as UNC's executive 26 years at the University of North Carolina sciences from 2011 to 2013, Pollack spent was the university's vice provost for health Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and where he also serves as a professor in the academic affairs.

"I am excited that Dr. Pollack will be joining us here at The University of Toledo. He is a respected scholar and successful leader who brings a notable breadth of experience that will benefit the college and the University as we continue to move forward," said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

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More than 150 fourth-year medical students at The University of Toledo will learn on Friday, March 15, where they will carry out their residencies on the way to becoming attending physicians.

The annual Match Day event is a highly anticipated ceremony for graduating medical students across the country. At precisely noon, UT’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences students will join thousands of students from other medical schools across the country in tearing open envelopes that contain their match.

“Match Day is very exciting for our students and the faculty and staff who support them,” said Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “It is the culmination of four years of intense training and now the graduating seniors find out where their next phase of residency training will occur.”

The 2019 Residency Match Reception will begin at 11 a.m. at the Stranahan Theater’s Great Hall. The event is by invitation-only.

Medical students spend months interviewing with hospitals and universities across the country to determine where they want to spend the next three to seven years of their medical training.

Students rank their top institutions, and academic and community-based health systems rank their top student choices. A computer algorithm administered by the National Resident Matching Program then matches students and residency programs together.

Residents are licensed physicians who care for patients under the supervision of attending physicians while they continue to train in their chosen specialties.

Last year, 157 UT’s fourth-year medical students matched into positions in 23 medical specialties.

Dean named to lead College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Dr. Gary Pollack has been selected to lead The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Pollack will join the University with more than 30 years of experience in higher education, most recently at Washington State University, where he has served as dean of the College of Pharmacy since 2010. His appointment will be effective Aug. 15.

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UT Online relocated to Rocket Hall

UT Online has moved from the Memorial Field House to Rocket Hall.

Faculty services and the help desk are located in Rocket Hall Room 1800; instructional design is in Rocket Hall Room 1805; and educational technology can be found in Rocket Hall Room 1610.

The mail stop is 345.

All phone numbers remain the same.

“UT Online will continue to provide leading-edge technologies and support services for students and faculty,” Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, dean of University College, said.

For more information, visit the UT Online website at utoledo.edu/dl.
Free speech topic of Stranahan Lecture March 20

By Lauren Smieszek

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euith E. Whittington, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton University, will discuss the importance of free speech at universities as part of The University of Toledo College of Law’s Stranahan Lecture series.

His lecture titled “Why We Should Value Campus Free Speech” will be delivered Wednesday, March 20, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

Whittington will explain the need to protect free speech at universities to enhance the mission of assembling and nurturing an open and diverse community of scholars, teachers and students. As argued in his award-winning recent book, “Speak Freely: Why Universities Must Defend Free Speech,” he will examine how relationships between the critical functions of the university and the principles of free speech can help resolve difficult challenges that confront modern universities.

“Free speech, which for so long has been a cornerstone of American universities, has recently come under significant pressure at universities across the country,” said Lee J. Strang, John W. Stoepler Professor of Law and Values at the College of Law. “Professor Whittington will argue that free speech is fundamental to the mission of modern universities as centers of research and teaching.”

A prolific scholar, Whittington’s publications include nine books and dozens of articles and essays on constitutional law, politics and history, and American political thought. He is a Fellow with the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, and is a member of the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences.

The winner of numerous book, scholarly and teaching awards, Whittington completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin and earned his doctorate in political science at Yale University.

This free, public lecture is a part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum and is sponsored by the College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.

There will be book sales and signings before and after the free event, which will be streamed live by The University of Toledo Alumni Association at toledoalumni.org/events/law-lecture.html.

For more information, visit the College of Law website at u.toledo.edu/law/events/stranahan-lecture.

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College of Law receives federal grant for tax clinic

The University of Toledo College of Law was awarded a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic grant from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Taxpayer Advocate Service, making it the only academic institution in Ohio to receive the honor.

The grant can match funds up to $100,000 annually to support the law school’s existing Tax Controversy Clinic. Law students work under the supervision of Tax Controversy Clinic Director Chris Bourell to assist taxpayers in disputes with the IRS.

Bourell indicates that the federal grant will allow the tax clinic to expand its services and community outreach efforts, as well as provide structural support for the operation.

“We are especially honored to become a part of a network of recognized Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics across the country,” Bourell said. “The contacts we have made with other grant recipients, both at legal aid organizations and other law schools, and within the IRS itself have been beneficial to improving and expanding our services.”

Tax clinic students receive legal training from their experience of handling challenging legal cases, and they have the opportunity to serve the community.

Student attorney Stephen Domingue said, “I have learned how to be a better attorney through the clinic. It is a great program to improve my legal skills, but it also gave me insight into the challenges faced by many people who are not able to receive quality legal care elsewhere.”

Consultations for assistance from the tax clinic are made by appointment by emailing intake@ttcc.law or calling 419.484.8822.

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Student Legal Services open house this week

The University of Toledo Student Legal Services Inc. will hold an open house Thursday, March 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. in its new location, Thompson Student Union Room 3504.

Campus community members are invited to stop by to meet Student Legal Services staff and have refreshments.

The office provides currently enrolled and eligible UT students with advice, consultation and legal representation in their personal legal matters.

Student Legal Services is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Margaret Brown in Student Legal Services at 419.530.7230.
Grass carp

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While the samples were being processed in January 2019, six larval fish resembling grass carp were identified. These larval fish were sent to the U.S. Geological Survey for genetic confirmation. Scientists analyzed DNA extracted from each larva in early February and confirmed with high confidence that the species of every hatchling was grass carp. Subsequent genetic sequencing of the larval fish DNA in late February confirmed that the larvae were grass carp.

"Collecting larval fish in a Great Lake is like finding a needle in a haystack," said Dr. Christine Mayer, professor in the UToledo Department of Environmental Sciences and Lake Erie Center. "Our finding helps make the haystack smaller when looking for spawning grass carp."

The capture of these larval grass carp confirms previous evidence that they spawn in the Maumee River, and the capture of larvae during separate high flow events confirms the possibility of more than one successful spawning event within a year. This new discovery does not indicate the population size in the Maumee River, but underscores the continued need for early detection.

The U.S. Geological Survey and The University of Toledo previously have documented grass carp spawning in the Sandusky River.

For more information about the threat of Asian carp in the Great Lakes, visit usgs.gov/centers/glri.

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Pi Sigma Epsilon and Be-Wise-Er to present mental health event March 13

Be-Wise-Er and The University of Toledo chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon, a professional fraternity for students interested in sales, sales management and marketing, will host “Let’s Talk Mental Health” Wednesday, March 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Radio personality Eric Chase from Q105.5 will kick off the program and share his experiences dealing with mental illness.

The program also will address resources, empowerment, and other ways to break the stigma about mental health.

Several community organizations will provide information about mental health resources, and there will be a Narcan training at 5:30 p.m. before the program.

“We decided to collaborate with Be-Wise-Er and focus on mental health to bring more awareness of mental health, our behaviors and resources available. Songfest is raising money for the Zepf Center, a local behavioral health-care provider,” said Doryn Thanes, event committee and Pi Sigma Epsilon member. “Raising money isn’t enough; we need to educate ourselves and our peers about how to manage mental health.”

There will be food, free T-shirts, raffle prizes and more at the free event.

For more information, search “Let’s Talk” on invonet.utoledo.edu.

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These images taken by Nicole King, aquatic ecology research technician at The University of Toledo Lake Erie Center, show grass carp larvae from the Maumee River. Characteristics of larval grass carp include overall length, top, skeletal muscle development, middle, and presence of an eye spot that lacks pigmentation (pigment starting to develop on lower eye).
cannot be loaned out, contains international teaching materials and handwritten primary source documents that hold the answers to many questions about the Kodály approach to teaching music.”

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as record of service and leadership potential in their respective fields. The Fulbright Scholar Program offers grants to American faculty, administrators and professionals to teach and conduct research abroad. The program is sponsored by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is the flagship international education exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.

Stover, who has been on faculty at The University of Toledo since 2011, plans to use her Fulbright to trace the development of the music curriculum that started in a small Hungarian city and spread throughout the world.

Folk songs are much more than simple children’s songs. Handed down from generation to generation, they preserve a portion of history. In the U.S., we commonly think of square dances or cowboys singing around a campfire or sailors working in unison on a ship.

“Every country and every ethnicity preserve its culture through folk songs,” Stover said.

Stover’s book will start from the beginning of the Kodály approach to teaching music, which arose out of a nationalistic philosophy in early 1900s Europe.

“Hungary kept getting invaded, and Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály believed his country was overly influenced by music from Germany and Austria,” Stover said. “He and a colleague, Béla Bartók, went on a quest around the country recording and transcribing people singing children’s songs, work songs, people in fields, people in schools. They went everywhere.”

Kodály and Bartók created a Hungarian folk-song collection to preserve Hungarian culture by writing down the culture’s oral tradition. There was one problem: No one could read it except for trained musicians.

As a result, Kodály gathered some of Hungary’s finest music teachers and designed a way to teach everyone how to read and write music first by singing and later with instruments.

“A country’s language influences the rhythm, so I first want to analyze the pitch and rhythm sets used in international folk songs, and find out why Kodály teachers use the ‘sol mi’ descending minor third as found in natural language, instead of the first two notes of the scale — ‘do re’ — as made famous in ‘The Sound of Music,’” Stover said.

In addition to writing a history book about the Kodály method, Stover hopes to strengthen the next generation of music educators by creating a folk-song collection and a multicultural teaching guide that can be used in classrooms around the world.

“In times of budget cuts, music is typically on the list of things that can be cut,” Stover said. “We are at such a crisis point in the United States with the fragile status of funding for music education that it is easy to sympathize with the desperation Kodály would have felt when he was gathering Hungarian folk songs, not knowing which enemy would invade next. We are both thinking of preservation of our musical culture. This Fulbright will enable me — in a very small way — to preserve music education history.”

Stover’s mom, Hilma, is proud of her daughter’s Fulbright, but she still sees her little girl who sang in the church choir and desperately wanted to learn how to play the organ.

“Pam never ceases to amaze her dad and me,” Hilma Stover said. “We both enjoy music but were never musically talented. She can sing every verse of a hymn while getting both hands and feet going on the organ to make beautiful music. We are very proud of her hard work and accomplishments, as well as the pleasure she takes in seeing her students at The University of Toledo excel as teachers, performers and composers.”
Physicist’s review article featured on cover of high-impact, international scientific journal

By Christine Billau

A review article by Dr. Yanfa Yan, professor of physics at The University of Toledo, was chosen as the cover story for the February issue of the peer-reviewed scientific journal Energy & Environmental Science published by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Yan is the lead author on the paper titled “Oxide Perovskites, Double Perovskites and Derivatives for Electrocatalysis, Photocatalysis and Photovoltaics.” He is an expert in theory of defect physics and electronic properties in semiconductors, materials synthesis and thin film solar cell fabrication.

“Energy & Environmental Science happens to be one of the highest impact-factor journals — with an impact factor of 30 — in all of science,” said Dr. Sanjay Khare, professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. “It is truly an achievement and honor to get such a cover page feature and invitation.”

Energy & Environmental Science links all aspects of the chemical, physical and biotechnological sciences relating to energy conversion and storage, alternative fuel technologies, and environmental science.

Its readership spans the globe and includes chemical scientists, chemical and process engineers, energy researchers, bioscientists, and environmental scientists from across academia, industry and government.

Practical utilization of clean energies requires energy conversions among solar energy, electrical energy and chemical energy, involving different processes such as from solar energy to electrical energy, from electrical energy to chemical energy, and from solar energy to chemical energy.

The key to realizing high-efficiency conversion is searching novel, stable, low-cost and environmentally friendly functional materials.

“Due to the extreme flexibilities in terms of their structures and compositions, oxide perovskites and their derivatives provide a rich family of materials candidates that may meet the diverse applications aforementioned,” Yan said. “This review highlights the progress of oxide perovskites and their derivatives in this field. It describes connections between the structural and compositional flexibility and the resulting tunable materials properties desirable for those applications.”

New UTMC chief financial officer named

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Richard Swaine has been named the new chief financial officer for The University of Toledo Medical Center. He is scheduled to begin this month.

Swaine joins UTMC from Beaumont Health System in Southfield, Mich., where he worked since 1985. He most recently served as senior vice president and hospital president of the 280-bed Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

At UTMC, he will be responsible for the financial operations of the hospital and associated clinics.

“I’m absolutely delighted to welcome Rick into the UTMC family,” said Dan Barbee, chief executive officer of UTMC. “He has an impressive background in the hospital industry and has both the strategic and operational skills necessary to help us lead UTMC to even greater success.”

Swaine holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Lawrence Technological Institute and a master’s degree in finance from Walsh College.

Graduate Research Forum
March 20th-21st, 2019
Hosted by CBGS

Keynote Speaker
Janet Iwasa, Ph.D.

presents
“Animating Biology”
Assistant Professor of Biochemistry,
The University of Utah
Molecular and cellular visualizations
2014 TED fellow, and 2017 TED senior fellow

Wednesday March 20th
Location: Health Science Campus Mulford Library Café
• Poster Presentations: 10am-12pm
• Lunch: 12pm-1pm
• Oral Presentations: 1pm-4pm

Thursday March 21st
• Final Presentations: 9:30am-11:45am
• Lunch with Keynote Speaker: 12:00pm-1pm, Mulford Café
• Keynote Speech: 3:00pm Collier 1000A/B

If you wish to have lunch with Dr. Iwasa, please RSVP toCouncilGraduateStudents@utoledo.edu by March 15th

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University of Toledo senior Pinyada Kuvanun has been invited to participate in the second Women’s Amateur Asia Pacific Thursday through Sunday, April 25-28, at the Royal Golf Club in Hokota, Japan.

“It is an honor to be invited to play in the Women’s Amateur Asia Pacific,” Kuvanun said. “I am so excited to play with all the good players in this event. It is one of the big events in women’s amateur golf, and I’m sure that I will learn a lot from this great opportunity.”

A native of Khonkean, Thailand, Kuvanun is leading the Rockets with a 72.3 stroke average and has shot even-par or lower in 11 of her 21 rounds. She carded a career-best five-under par 67 en route to winning the Idle Hour Collegiate (Nov. 5-6) with a six-under par 210 (72-71-67). Earlier this month, she won her third collegiate tournament by shooting an even-par 216 (70-74-72) in the Battle at Boulder Creek in Boulder City, Nev.

The winner of the Women’s Amateur Asia Pacific will receive an invitation to the 2019 American International Group Women’s British Open at the Woburn Golf Club’s Marquess course.
The Womxn of Color Symposium: Finding and Using Our Voice will offer a day of empowerment, dialogue and professional development for students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

Denice Frohman, poet, educator and performer, will deliver the keynote address focusing on identity, lineage, subversion of traditional notions of power, and celebrating aspects women deem unworthy.

“This is the second year for the Womxn of Color Symposium. The symposium offers a space for womxn of color to discuss shared and divergent experiences, and connect and build a network of support to maximize self-actualization in our society,” said Malaika Bell, program manager for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

“Charlene Gilbert, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, an academic and leader, will start the day’s conversation. During dinner, we will wrap up with Denice Frohman, a queer, Puerto Rican poet, performer and activist,” Bell continued.

“Womxn of Color includes as many identities as there are womxn. Our experience, skin color and background are all unique, but we are all subject to the same systems of traditional power structures and messages of inadequacy that can erode our senses of personal power,” Bell said. “We want to use this time and space to learn and share together and focus on bringing our voices together, so we don’t just use them, we will be using them to create a better world.”

The committee chose to use womxn (with an “x”) to emphasize that the symposium embraces an intersectional approach and is inclusive of all womxn: transgender womxn, womxn of color, womxn from developing countries, and any womxn who feel marginalized by society’s expectations of women.

The Womxn of Color Symposium will take place Monday, March 18, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room. Frohman will speak at 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required for this free event, which includes dinner; go to utoledo.edu/diversity/events for more information and to RSVP by Thursday, March 14.
Women’s History Month to be celebrated at University

A noted historian will visit The University of Toledo to give the keynote address for Women’s History Month. Dr. Lorri Glover will give a talk titled “Why Not a Woman? The Improbable Life of Eliza Lucas Pinckney in Revolutionary America” Wednesday, March 13, at 6 p.m. in Thompson Student Union Room 2592.

The John Francis Bannon Endowed Chair and Professor of History at Saint Louis University is writing a biography on Pinckney, who, at age 17, took over running three plantations in South Carolina in the late 1730s. Pinckney experimented with indigo production, which, cultivated by slave labor and marketed globally, became a cornerstone of the state’s economy.

“Eliza Lucas Pinckney’s remarkable writings — the largest collection from any woman in the colonial South — afford fascinating insight into agriculture and commerce in the Atlantic World, Southern plantations and racial slavery, 18th-century family values, and especially gender history,” Glover said.

In addition to Glover’s talk, the University has several other events slated to mark Women’s History Month.

“I am really excited for this year’s lineup of Women’s History Month events. We have tried to highlight some of the spaces where women have fought and are still fighting for justice,” said Danielle Stamper, interim program coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Success and interim program manager at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women.

Listed by date, other events at the University include:

- **Monday, March 11 — Women’s History Month Kickoff Exhibit, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Carlson Library Room 1005.** Authors featured will be NK Jemisin, Octavia Butler, Ursula Kroeber Le Guin, rupi kaur, Alison Bechdel, Suheir Hammad, Monique Truong, Zadie Smith, Melody Moezzi and Audre Lorde. Attendees will be able to read about these authors and eat bagels. Everyone who attends will be entered into a drawing for some of the pieces by the authors. In addition, Carlson Library will have books by the authors on display.

- **Monday, March 18 — Womxn of Color Symposium: Finding and Using Our Voice, 1 to 7 p.m., Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.** Read more on p. 8.

- **Tuesday, March 19 — Lunch With a Purpose, noon, Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 0152.** Dr. Barbara Mann, UToledo professor of humanities, will give a talk titled “ Spirits of Blood, Spirits of Breath: The Twinned Cosmos of Indigenous America.”

- **Monday, March 25 — Preparing for Success, 4 p.m., Collier Building Room 1035.** Amy O’Donnell, Distinguished University Lecturer of Career Development, will lead a program on salary and contract negotiations.

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- **Thursday, March 28 — Discussion, noon, Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 0152.** Dr. Nyasha Junior, a faculty member in the Department of Religion at Temple University, will discuss “What Is Womanist Interpretation?”

- **Women’s History Month Jeopardy, 6 p.m., Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 0152.** Stop by for trivia and a chance to win prizes.

- **Sunday, March 31 — Phenomenal Woman, 6:30 p.m., Thompson Student Union Auditorium.** Jasmine Dees, founder of Anointed Angels, will speak at the Association for the Advancement of African-American Women’s Sixth Annual Women’s Gala. University students also will perform.

For more information about these free, public events, call the Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.
Confucius Institute Cup table tennis tournament set for March 17

The University of Toledo Confucius Institute will serve up a table tennis tournament Sunday, March 17, in the Health Education Center Gym.

Teams from UT will take on players from the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Notre Dame University, Wright State University, Cleveland State University and the University of Akron, among others. Local pingpong clubs also will compete.

Matches will start at 11 a.m. and run through 5 p.m.

“Though this sport was not invented in China, the nation has become well-known for having the top-level players in the world, and pingpong has become one of the most popular sports in China,” Xinren Yu, director of the Confucius Institute, said.

“The goal of this competition is to promote Chinese culture and cross-cultural communications through sports, as well as to bring people on campus to showcase what The University of Toledo offers,” he said.

Registration is free; people need to sign up as a team of three or four players. Go to the Confucius Institute table tennis tournament website at goo.gl/forms/M0gGN6WS7jU3DVtk2.

Campus invited to African-American genealogy workshop March 20

By Christine Billau

Marriage certificates, military records, census data, obituaries. Documentation — when mined and mapped from generation to generation — adds up to ancestry.

The University of Toledo Department of History is hosting a free, public event to help members of the African-American community discover their family trees.

“African Americans can experience ‘brick walls’ when tracing their family roots due to slavery and lack of documents and records regarding people of color before 1870,” Dr. Shirley Green, instructor in the UT Department of History, said. “Our genealogy workshop is a continuation of Black History Month and reconnecting to the strength of the people who came before you.”

Green, a retired Toledo police officer and director of the Toledo Police Museum, will lead the Workshop in African-American Genealogy Wednesday, March 20, at 5 p.m. in University Hall Room 5260.

“We plan to provide a general overview of African-American genealogy and assist individuals to start their own genealogical research,” Green said. “Members of the local African-American group called Journey also will be in attendance to answer questions.”

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Interlibrary loan available for distance learning students

University Libraries is making borrowing books and other materials easier for distance learning students. Those who qualify can use interlibrary loan.

Eligible students must live more than 50 miles from University campuses, but still reside within the United States. They must be enrolled as students, but not taking any classes that meet on campus. Additionally, their library record must be in good standing with no outstanding fines.

“The University has a large population of online and distance learning students,” said Lucy Duhon, collection sharing coordinator and scholarly communications librarian. “Offering these students interlibrary loan extends our library service and makes our collections available to them.”

Shipping materials are covered by the library. Materials are sent in a flat-rate box labeled U.S. Priority Mail. A prepaid shipping label will be emailed to the student before materials are due.

Eligible students who live in Ohio should be encouraged to try to borrow materials via OhioLINK first, if possible, using the “pickup anywhere” service,” Duhon said. “But for those who do not live in the state, or for those requests that cannot be filled via OhioLINK, we are happy to provide this new option.”

Distance learning students who are interested and meet the eligibility requirements should check out the new Distance Learning Patrons’ page on the University Libraries’ website at libguides.utoledo.edu/ill/distance.

For more information, contact Valerie Brown, library associate, at valerie.brown@utoledo.edu.

Transparent learning topic of Future of Higher Education Forum

“Empathy and Diversity in Professional Education: The Fight Against Social Separation and Implicit Bias” will be discussed at this month’s Future of Higher Education Forum.

The program will be held Wednesday, March 20, at 10 a.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.

Dr. Heather Sloane, assistant professor in the Social Work Program, will lead the forum.

She will discuss transparent learning, an approach to course and assignment design that emphasizes how and why students are asked to learn content in particular ways.

“This approach, because it articulates the literal process whereby success is achieved, is particularly beneficial for students who are unfamiliar with best practices in college courses,” Sloane said.

The Future of Higher Education Forums are coordinated by the Office of the Provost.

Register for this month’s program and read more about the forums, including how to submit proposals for upcoming events, at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/future-of-higher-education-forum.

Faculty members who are unable to attend the forum can watch live at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/future-of-higher-education-forum. In addition, all forums are archived for future viewing.

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SPEAKER:
Heather Sloane, PhD, MSW, LISW
Assistant Professor of Social Work
College of Health and Human Services

THIS SESSION WILL
• Provide an overview of how understandings of poverty develop
• Examine how professional education cultures influence understandings of poverty
• Provide action steps to mitigate social separation and implicit bias in the classroom

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Juried Student Exhibition on display; award ceremony slated for March 15

By Angela Riddel

The Department of Art’s 2019 Juried Student Exhibition is on display through Thursday, March 21, in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the University’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

The annual competitive art exhibition is open to all University students regardless of major, and the works displayed cover a range of media.

A free, public reception and award ceremony will be held Friday, March 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery.

This year’s juror is Marc Folk, executive director of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, who received a bachelor of fine arts degree in sculpture with a minor in printmaking from the University in 1988.

Folk’s career with the Arts Commission began in 1996 as an instructor in the Young Artists at Work Program. He coordinated the program in subsequent years and has served as director of the Art in Public Places Program and artistic director, prior to becoming the executive director in 2006. Under his leadership, the Arts Commission has instituted initiatives bridging economic and community development with the arts.

Folk has represented the Arts Commission on numerous Toledo area, statewide and national committees to advocate for and promote the development of the arts, and served for three years as president of the Ohio Citizens for the Arts. He currently serves as co-chair of the Toledo Area Cultural Leaders and is a member of the United States Urban Arts Federation.

In addition, Folk was a 2006 recipient of the 20 Under 40 Leadership Award and the 2009 winner of the Ohio Arts Council Governor’s Award for Arts Administration. In 2010, he was given the Toledo Federation of Arts Societies Special Award and recognized as The University of Toledo’s Outstanding Alumnus in the Arts. He has served as a grants panelist for the Arts Council of Indianapolis; Cuyahoga Arts and Culture; Arts and Science Council of Charlotte; Ohio Arts Council; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The free, public exhibition can be seen Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Brian Carpenter, UT lecturer of art and gallery director, at brian.carpenter@utoledo.edu.
Guest composers to visit University for Spring Festival of New Music

By Angela Riddle

The University of Toledo Department of Music will welcome two guest composers for its 42nd annual Spring Festival of New Music.

The festival celebrates the music of modern and living composers. This year’s guests are Adam Schoenberg and Elaine Hagenberg. Both are internationally recognized contemporary composers. Festival concerts will feature their music and that of other modern composers.

Twice named among the top 10 most performed living classical composers by orchestras in the United States, Grammy-nominated Schoenberg’s music is “invigorating” (Los Angeles Times) and full of “mystery and sensuality” (The New York Times). His works have received performances and premieres at the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center, New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Hollywood Bowl.

Schoenberg’s notable recordings include orchestral works featuring the Kansas City Symphony, an arrangement of “When You Wish Upon a Star” for Anne Akiko Meyers and the London Symphony Orchestra, and a compendium including his keyboard works by pianist Nadia Shpachenko.

Hagenberg’s choral music “soars with eloquence and ingenuity” (American Choral Directors Association’s Choral Journal). Her compositions have been performed by universities, community choirs, schools and church choirs throughout the United States and abroad. Her music has been featured at All-State festivals, national and regional American Choral Directors Association Conferences, the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall, the Melbourne International Choral Festival in Australia, and the International Children’s Choir festivals in Canterbury and London.

She has more than 40 commissioned works, including new music written for the American Choral Directors Association Women’s Choir Consortium, colleges and universities, community choirs and churches.

In addition to composing, Hagenberg has been the guest artist and clinician for numerous conferences and festivals, including the Heartland Youth Choir Meet the Composer Festival, the Alleluia Conference at Baylor University, the Voices Unite Festival, the Birmingham First Composer Festival, the Savannah Sacred Music Festival, and the In Canto Mediterraneo International Choral Festival in Milazzo, Italy.

The 2019 Spring Festival of New Music schedule is:
• Friday, March 15 — Chamber Concert at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall — free event;
• Saturday, March 16 — Discussion, “Finding Visual Art in Music,” at 3 p.m. in the Center for the Visual Arts Haigh Auditorium on the University’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus — free event;
• Saturday, March 16 — University High School Honor Choir at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theatre — ticketed event; and
• Sunday, March 17 — Large Ensembles Concert at 3 p.m. in Doermann Theatre — ticketed event.

Tickets to the Saturday and Sunday concerts are $10 and $5 for students, children and seniors. They are available at utoledo.tix.com. Tickets also will be available at the door or by calling the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.2787.

Psychological drama

The Department of Theatre and Film will screen “Persona” Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Room 1039. Ingmar Bergman directed, produced and wrote the 84-minute Swedish film that stars Bibi Andersson and Liv Ullmann. The 1966 movie, which will be shown from 16-millimeter film, tells the story of a nurse who is caring for an actress who has stopped speaking. Tickets — $12 for general admission and $8 for students, University employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older — include popcorn and soft drink. Get tickets at utoledo.tix.com or by calling the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.2787.
Students of all majors are welcome to attend The University of Toledo’s upcoming Job and Internship Fair.

Job Fest 2019 will be held Tuesday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Approximately 90 employers will have representatives offering part-time and seasonal employment, internships, and full-time career positions for graduating seniors.

Business casual attire is recommended. The Professional Menswear Closet and Kate’s Closet are two resources on campus for students to obtain business attire at no cost.

“Career fairs are a great place for all students to network with employers, practice their all-important elevator pitches, and perfect their handshakes in preparation for on-site interviews,” said Shelly Drouillard, director of Career Services.

She added, “Students are often surprised to discover that some employers offer tuition reimbursement programs for part-time employees, which could be a huge benefit to our students who need funding for their education.”

Students can find a list of participating employers at utoledo.edu/success/career/jobfest or by downloading the new Career Fair Plus app. The app provides students with the latest employer information, links to research employers prior to the event, the ability to tag favorite employers to check out at the event, a map of the fair, and a place to take notes throughout the day.

Students who need assistance with their resumes or job fair strategies should stop by Career Services, located in Thompson Student Union Room 1533. Undergraduate drop-in hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Career Services at 419.530.4341.
Nominations for Outstanding Staff Awards sought by March 22

Nominations are being accepted to honor University of Toledo staff members who exceed expectations by providing exceptional service to students, patients, staff, faculty and the community.

Eligible nominees must be full-time or part-time (20 hours or more per week) regular employees with at least two years of service at the University. Contingent, temporary and intermittent employees are ineligible, as are senior administrators and employees who were Outstanding Staff Award recipients within the past three years.

Nominations will be accepted from faculty, physicians, staff, students, patients and community members until 5 p.m. Friday, March 22. To nominate someone, use the Outstanding Staff nomination link at the top of the utoledo.edu/depts/hr/employee-engagement/outstanding_staff_leader and complete the form.

All nominees will be acknowledged at a special awards ceremony Monday, May 6, at noon in the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center, with five employees selected to receive awards. Each award recipient also will be presented with $1,000 for their extraordinary performance and service.

The Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award also will be presented at the May 6 ceremony.

The event is hosted by Human Resources on behalf of University President Sharon L. Gaber.

“As we continually strive to foster a culture of excellence among our faculty and staff, the Outstanding Staff Awards help us recognize individuals who go well beyond routine job expectations by demonstrating the highest standards of service,” Gaber said. “This recognition is an important component of advancing our strategic priorities.”

“Nominating a colleague is a great way to help us honor outstanding employees, many of whom are behind-the-scenes, ‘unsung heroes’ whose performance isn’t motivated by winning an award, but rather by their own personal conviction to make a significant difference in people’s lives through their everyday work,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer.

“I urge our University community to help us identify eligible individuals through the nomination process,” Davis said. “This may be someone’s only chance to be formally recognized with a workplace award, and it probably will be something they cherish for the rest of their life.”

The selection committee for the Outstanding Staff Awards consists of previous winners, as well as representatives from Human Resources, the Professional Staff Association and bargaining units.

Criteria used to select award recipients include:

• Career accomplishments and outstanding contributions on the job;
• Commitment to improvement and innovation; and
• Leadership and loyalty to University customers.

Questions about the University’s annual Outstanding Staff Awards may be sent to michelle.peterson@utoledo.edu.

RSVPs due March 27 for University Charitable Campaign breakfast

As a reminder, University faculty, staff and retirees who pledged a contribution to the 2018 University Charitable Campaign are invited to attend a free breakfast buffet Friday, April 5, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Savage Arena Grogan Room.

The breakfast, originally slated for Jan. 31, was postponed due to inclement weather.

Donors who plan to attend the April 5 breakfast are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, March 27, using the form provided on the University Charitable Campaign website at utoledo.edu/utc3.

Hosted by President Sharon L. Gaber, the breakfast enables donors to celebrate, as well as to pick up their thank-you gift — a sturdy UT tote bag.

More than $131,000 was raised during the 2018 community campaign, exceeding the University’s annual goal. The funds support more than 220 charities represented by Community Health Charities of Ohio, Northwest Ohio Community Shares, EarthShare Ohio and United Way of Greater Toledo.

Donors who are unable to attend the breakfast may pick up their thank-you gift on either Main Campus or Health Science Campus. A notification of gift pickup dates, times and locations will be sent to them shortly after the breakfast.

In memoriam

Doris M. Addie, Toledo, died Feb. 16 at age 80. She was a seasonal employee at the University in 2000, and then she worked as a custodian from 2001 to 2005.

Vote on Homecoming theme

Students, faculty and staff: You are invited to help select the 2019 University of Toledo Homecoming theme.

Vying for the honor are:

• Game on Rockets — lawn games and friendly competitions;
• Out of the World — space theme; and
• Rocky’s Haunted Homecoming — spooky fun.

Go to the University involvement network website at invonet.utoledo.edu to vote. Just sign in with your UTAD information and help shape this year’s festivities.

The University of Toledo is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in education, employment, membership and contracts, and no differentiation will be made based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status or the presence of a disability. The University will take affirmative action as required by federal or state law.
The University of Toledo is encouraging students to plan ahead and register early for fall 2019 for a chance to win a gift card to help fuel them through their finals.

“The earlier students register, the more likely they will be able to take the courses they want at the times that work best in their schedules,” Interim Provost Karen Bjorkman said. “Even if students are still waiting to hear back about a co-op placement or an internship they applied for, they should register for the next semester to be sure they stay on track. It is easier to adjust a plan already in place than to be behind schedule at a later date.”

Registration for fall semester begins Wednesday, March 13, with priority registration available for honors students; graduate students; student-athletes, including varsity cheerleaders; ROTC (all contracted ROTC cadets); Salford University students; students with disabilities; Student Disability Services volunteer note-takers; military/veteran students; and distance-learning-only students.

Additional registration dates are ordered by class rank. Dates are:

• Wednesday, March 20 — Seniors (90 earned hours or more);
• Monday, March 25 — Juniors (60 to 89 earned hours);
• Monday, April 1 — Sophomores (30 to 59 earned hours) and undergraduates with degrees; and
• Monday, April 8 — Freshmen (0 to 29 earned hours).

As part of a campaign to get more students registered for fall classes before the end of spring semester, the University is offering all current students who register before Monday, April 15, the chance to be entered to win one of 20 Starbucks gift cards worth $20 each.

“Our top priority is student success, and planning ahead is critical for students on a successful path to graduation,” Vice President for Student Affairs ‘Flapp’ Cockrell said. “We’re launching this campaign to change the culture here for students and all of us who support students. We want students to focus on doing well now, but also to be thinking ahead about what comes next and planning well in advance to meet those goals.”

Regardless of when a student registers for fall semester, tuition is not billed until July. Academic advisors are available to help students plan their course of study. Students are encouraged to aim for 15 credit hours per semester to graduate on time. Most degree programs require 120 total credit hours or more to graduate.

Students who are unsure of who their academic advisor is or who are considering a change of major may contact the Center for Success Coaching at 419.530.1250 for support and assistance.