

# Truman *today*

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## Truman Faculty Promoted

The Board of Governors approved faculty promotions at the June 15 Board of Governors meeting.

The following faculty were approved for promotion from associate professor to professor: John Bohac, art; Patricia Gately, English; Todd Hammond, mathematics; Mark Hatala, psychology; Teresa Heckert, psychology; Michael Lockhart, biology; Sara Orel, art; and Matthew Tornatore, foreign language.

The following faculty were approved for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor: Barbara Kramer, chemistry, and Wynne Wilbur, art.

### Portion of Parking Lot Closed During SUB Renovation this Summer

Spaces in the parking lot north of the Student Union Building are now closed to allow for equipment to perform renovations on the Student Union Building.

This will be ongoing throughout the rest of the summer during the SUB renovations.

The row north of the SUB will be barricaded for construction work. Handicapped parking will still be available. Parking in this lot could be hazardous due to the construction equipment.

## Governor Appoints New Board Member

Gov. Matt Blunt has appointed a new member of the Board of Governors to fill the expired term of Sarah Burkemper of Troy, Mo.

The appointment of Kenneth L. Read, a Kirksville businessman, will take effect immediately since the Missouri Senate is not in session.

Read graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1973 with a baccalaureate degree in business administration. He is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969-1971. Read is owner of Heritage House Realty, Chairman of the Board of American Trust Bank and has been a real estate broker for 35 years.



(Seated, left to right) Board of Governors member Mark Wasinger (vice chair), University President Barbara Dixon, Board of Governors members Randa Rawlins (chair), Thomas Jayne (secretary) (back row, left to right) Cheryl Cozette, Kenneth Read, Peter Ewell, Matthew Barnes, Wilma Maddox, Matthew Potter and Emily Kiddoo, gather for a photo prior to attending the Board of Governors meeting June 15.

## Orton Receives Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

H. Marie Orton, associate professor of Italian, received special recognition at the 2007 Governor's Outstanding Teacher Award

luncheon recently in Columbia, Mo. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education hosted the luncheon.

Coordinating Board for Higher Education Chair Kathryn Swann presented the awards to



University President Barbara Dixon (left) congratulates H. Marie Orton (right) on receiving the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

the honorees. Orton was one of the outstanding faculty members, each representing a Missouri college or university, to be recognized for her commitment to excellent education for Missouri citizens. Orton was chosen for her effective teaching, innovative course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the institutional community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

Orton began her career at Truman in 2000. She received her bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and both her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She also received Truman's Educator of the Year Award in the spring of 2006.

## Retirement Receptions

### Matt Eichor

Matt Eichor, director of justice systems and director of Northeast Area Criminalistics Laboratory, will be retiring after working at the University for 33 years.

2-4 p.m. • June 21  
Student Union Building  
Alumni Room

### Melinda Wood

The Financial Aid Office is hosting a retirement reception in Melinda Wood's honor from 2-4 p.m. June 22 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Please take a few minutes to join Wood for cake, punch and a lot of reminiscing. She has made Truman her second home for the past 33 years. As she will miss the walk into McClain Hall each morning, many people will miss her daily presence too.

Also a memory Web site has been set up at <http://csi.truman.edu/melinda/>. Please take a few moments to answer the questions provided. The responses will be placed in a scrapbook Wood can keep and enjoy.

## Staff Council Blood Drive

11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
June 25  
Student Union Building

All presenting donors will receive a specially designed St. Louis Cardinals/Busch Stadium World Champions T-shirt designed by artist John Pils.

## Faculty, Students Present at MSHA Convention

Truman faculty and students presented their research at the annual Missouri Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA) Convention in April.

Several students presented their research as poster and/or oral presentations at the MSHA 2007 convention.

Melissa Bukowski, a graduate communication disorders major from Rockford, Ill., presented "The Effect of Auditory Bombardment on Preschool Phonological Improvement."

Christa Schmich, a graduate communication disorders major from Arnold, Mo., presented "The Effect of Token Reinforcement on Articulation Therapy."

Jaime Lummis, a graduate communication disorders major from Pleasant Hill, Ill., presented "From Lip Reading to Listening: Does Therapy Help?"

Jennifer Aubuchon, a graduate communication disorders major, presented "The Effect of Wordmaker Software on Decoding of CCVC Words."

Amy Campfield, a graduate communication disorders major from St. Louis, presented "The Effect of the Reading Naturally Method on Oral Reading Fluency."

Jamie Barbarick, a graduate communication disorders major, presented "The Effects of Group Analysis on Prosody in Cold Oral Readings."

Janelle Stegen, a graduate communication disorders major from Arlington Heights, Ill., presented "Improving Intelligibility: Traditional

vs. Computer-based Cueing."

Julie Bender, a graduate communication disorders major from Iowa City, Iowa, presented "The Short-term Carryover Effect of Delayed Auditory Feedback on Speaking Rate."

Lauren N. Mueller, a senior communication disorders major from Florissant, Mo.; Megan D. Sherrill, a senior communication disorders major from Albany, Mo.; and Erin L. Thomas, a junior communication disorders major from Lee's Summit, Mo.; presented "Developing and Assessing Video Technology Materials to Support Sign Language Instruction." Janet Gooch, associate professor and director of communication disorders; Paula S. Cochran, professor of communication disorders; and Sheila Garlock, clinical supervisor in communication disorders; were the faculty mentors for this project.

Lauren E. Caffey, a senior communication disorders major from Gladstone, Mo., presented "The Affect of Parental Attitude Toward Literacy on Child Attitude and Performance." Gooch was the faculty mentor for this project.

Chana Edwards, assistant professor of communication disorders, and Melissa Passe, clinical director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, presented "Young Professionals Caucus: Surviving the First Years."

Gooch presented "The Consonant Cluster Craze." In addition, Gooch and Julie Hoffmann presented "Treatment Programs for Children with Phonological Disorders."

## White Named as Truman Nursing Acute Care Preceptor of the Year

Truman State University's Nursing Program recently selected Lynette White R.N. as the Acute Care Preceptor of the Year. White was honored at an awards luncheon at Truman on April 26. She works in the Outpatient Surgery Unit at Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) and has been a preceptor for Truman nursing students for several years.

The Nursing Program at Truman selects highly qualified registered nurses to serve as role models, mentors and supervisors for senior nursing students in selected clinical areas of interest. These R.N. preceptors assist the faculty and students in meeting course objectives in the selected clinical areas. Each year faculty and senior students select and honor acute care and community preceptors of the year.



Lynette White R.N. (Northeast Regional Medical Center) is awarded the Acute Care Preceptor of the Year by Truman nursing faculty member Sarah Delaware (left) and Truman Nursing Program Director Stephanie Powelson (right).

## NOTABLES

**Taner Edis, associate professor of physics,** was invited to give a talk, titled "What Cost Rationality?," at the Center for Inquiry in Amherst, N.Y., June 15.

**John Ishiyama, professor of political science and director of the McNair Program,** had his article "Nominations and Party Development in Ethiopia:

The Opposition and the 2005 Parliamentary Election" published in the journal *African and Asian Studies*.

**Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history,** has been appointed to the Missouri Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission.

## Kirksville Chapter of Sigma Xi Donates Books on Women's Adventures in Science to Adair County Public Library

The Kirksville Chapter of Sigma Xi, a chapter of the international Sigma Xi Research Society, is donating three sets of a book series titled "Women's Adventures in Science." One set of these books has been donated to the Adair County Public Library. The other two sets will go to the library in Kirksville Middle School and to the library in the Adair County Schools in the fall. The money for the purchase of these books was donated by Sigma Xi members.

There are 10 books in the series, sponsored by the National Academies of Science, each of which focuses on the life and career of a particular woman scientist. Careers described in the books include: planetary astronomy, forensic anthropology, sociology, wildlife biology, climate science, neuropsychology, biomechanics, robot design, planetary geology and physics. Books are most appropriate for middle school students.



(Pictured left to right) Judi Misale, psychologist at Truman and incoming president of Kirksville Sigma Xi, Diane Burger, Children's Librarian at the Adair County Public Library; Amber Johnson, anthropologist at Truman and outgoing secretary of Kirksville Sigma Xi; and Trish Sexton, biochemist at KCOM and treasurer of Kirksville Sigma Xi; hold books Kirksville Sigma Xi members recently donated to the Adair County Public Library.

Kirksville Sigma Xi includes faculty, staff and student members from the research communities at both Truman State University and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University.

In addition to sponsoring one public lecture each spring, Kirksville Sigma Xi members participate in various community outreach projects from giving talks or tours of their research labs to local school classes to providing judges for science-related competitions.

Most recently, Sigma Xi members participated in judging the regional Design and Build Competition for Middle School and High School projects. In addition, Kirksville Sigma Xi makes an annual award of Teacher of the Year for outstanding math and science teachers in area schools. More information about Kirksville Sigma Xi, recent award winners, and contact information is available online at <http://sigmaxi.truman.edu>.

## Harris and Creason Named as Truman Nursing Community Preceptors of the Year

Truman State University's Nursing Program recently selected Denise Harris R.N.C. and Amy Creason R.N. as its Community Preceptors of the Year. Harris and Creason were honored at an awards luncheon at Truman on April 26. They work at the Linn County Health Department in Brookfield, Mo., and have been preceptors for Truman nursing students for several years.

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Denise Harris (left) and Amy Creason (right) of the Linn County Health Department were selected as Truman State University Nursing Program's Community Preceptors of the Year.

### Truman Day at the NEMO Fair

Truman needs volunteers to work July 16 at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts are as follows:

6-9 a.m.  
9 a.m.-Noon  
Noon-3 p.m.  
3-6 p.m.  
6-9 p.m.  
9-11 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a free one day pass to the fair.

Please call the Public Relations office at 785.4016 to sign up or stop by McClain Hall 101 if you are interested in volunteering.

### Golfapalooza

Four-person scramble golf outing

Sponsored by Truman's Kirksville Alumni Chapter

Registration 9 a.m.

Tee-off 10 a.m.

July 13

Kirksville Country Club

Cost is \$50 per golfer. Proceeds go toward the Kirksville Alumni Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Cart rentals are \$16 per person, limited availability – register by June 27 to reserve a cart.

There will be fun holes, contests and door prizes throughout the day.

Register online at <http://alumni.truman.edu/golfapalooza2007.asp> or e-mail [alumnierevents@truman.edu](mailto:alumnierevents@truman.edu) or contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133.

### The next Truman Today issue will be published July 3.

The *Truman Today* is published biweekly during the undergraduate summer session.

Submissions for the next issue are due by June 27 to [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu).

## NOTES

**The Center for Student Involvement has relocated to the Governors Room on the third floor of the Student Union Building for the summer and fall semester due to the Student Union Building renovation.** Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit the new office.

**The Truman Bookstore has relocated to the old firehouse located on the northeast corner of Normal and Franklin Streets.**

**The open enrollment period for the Medical Leave Bank runs through June 30.** The Human Resources office asks that all employees respond to the open enrollment, even if they do not wish to join the Bank. To complete the enrollment, log-in to TruView at <http://truview.truman.edu/>, go to the "Staff" tab and click on the link in the "Medical Leave Bank" channel.

**It is that time of year again to start looking toward housing for fall early returners.**

The process and policy for Housing for Early Returners is available online at <http://reslife.truman.edu/services/earlyreturners/>. Early

returners must be returning for purposes of employment, athletics, academics or to assist in the coordination of University sponsored Truman Week activities.

**Students looking for a general elective conveniently timed through the lunch hour are still able to enroll in BSAD 200: Personal Finance.** Students will learn the basics of budgeting, saving and investing two days a week during this fall semester course. All majors welcome.

**The Center for Student Involvement will host the Activities Fair** from noon-4 p.m. Sept. 6 on the Quadrangle. All departmental and student organization tables must be reserved via the registration form available now in the CSI office, located on the third level of the Student Union Building. It is also available on the CSI Web site, <http://csi.truman.edu>. The registration deadline is Aug. 31. Table space is limited. Contact the CSI at 785.4222 for more information.

## Taiwan at Truman Seeks Host Families for Weekend Stay

The Taiwan at Truman program is in need of host families for a one-weekend home stay with local families.

Every summer a group of Taiwanese high school students comes to Truman to participate in the program. The program is split into two parts: a girls' session and a boys', each lasting five weeks. On weekdays the students take English classes from Truman faculty. On weekends, they go on trips across Missouri: this summer, St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia.

One weekend for each session is set aside for a local home stay in which the program coordinators try to match the students up with local families for a complete immersion experience. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to learn more about American life and an equally wonderful opportunity for local

families to get to know a student or two from another culture.

The program still needs families to host students during both the girls' and boys' sessions.

The girls' home stay weekend is June 22-24; the boys' is July 13-15.

Each family would be asked to take in two students for the weekend. If a family would prefer only one, that could be arranged, but at this point the program does not have enough families to accommodate that on a large scale. The family would pick the students up on Friday night between 6-7 p.m. (after the students have eaten dinner) and then drop them off Sunday between 4-5 p.m. (after the students have eaten dinner).

Please contact Brad Smith at [smith.bradleyh@gmail.com](mailto:smith.bradleyh@gmail.com) if interested as soon as possible.

## ON CAMPUS

### 21 THURSDAY

2-4 p.m.-**Retirement reception for Matt Eichor, SUB Alumni Room;** see Page 2

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### Summer Session Hours

**Pickler Memorial Library**  
June 4-July 29

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday  
1-5 p.m.

Sunday  
4-8 p.m.

### Student Recreation Center

June 4-July 27  
Monday-Friday  
9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday  
Closed

### Mainstreet Market

Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Truman Today* is a biweekly publication for Truman State University students, faculty and staff during the summer session. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu) or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.**

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