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## University Trend of Distinguished Recognition Continues

For the second time this month Truman has been acknowledged as one of the nation's best values in higher education.

The Princeton Review, teaming with USA TODAY, included Truman on its list, "The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges for 2010."

The list, which features 100 schools in all—50 public and 50 private colleges and universities—was released Jan. 12.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine also named Truman one of the "Best Values in Public Colleges" in its February issue.

On USA TODAY's website, the editors at The Princeton Review commend Truman for being "thoroughly committed

to providing a strong, broad-based, liberal education to its small undergraduate student body" and they note that as "one of the few publicly funded liberal arts schools in the nation, Truman attracts many of Missouri's top high school students."

The Princeton Review selected the institutions as its "Best Value" choices for 2010 based on its surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities. The selection criteria covered more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance and financial aid, using the most recently reported data from each institution for its 2008-09 academic year.

"There are many first-rate institutions offering outstanding academics at a relatively low cost of attendance and/or generous financial aid," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review SVP/Publisher. "We're pleased to have again teamed up with USA TODAY to identify and commend the 100 colleges that do just that and do it best in the nation."

Visitors to The Princeton Review website (at <http://www.princetonreview.com/best-value-colleges.aspx>) and USA TODAY website (at <http://www.bestvaluecolleges.usatoday.com>) can access the complete lists of 50 public and 50 private "Best Value" colleges.

USA TODAY's site features a database that allows users to

view in-depth details about the schools by clicking on an interactive map to explore criteria including cost of attendance and financial aid data, enrollment size, location and The Princeton Review's analysis of why each school was chosen as a "Best Value" college.

Kiplinger's ranked Truman 26th on its exclusive survey list of the 100 public four-year schools that "combine outstanding education with economic value." The University was also ranked as the 10th best educational value for out-of-state students. More information, as well as sortable rankings and other interactive features, are available online at <http://www.kiplinger.com/reports/best-college-values/>.

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On-campus forums for the position of University President

1:30 P.M. ♦ JAN. 21

VIOLETTE HALL 1000  
Open forum with students

3:30 P.M. ♦ JAN. 21

VIOLETTE HALL 1000  
Open forum with faculty and staff

## Egyptian Pottery Now Showing in University Art Gallery

Pieces of Egyptian history, some dating back approximately 6,000 years, are being brought to life this month at Truman through an exhibit in the University Art Gallery.

The exhibit, "Vessels from the Past: Ancient Egyptian Pottery on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum," consists of 28 objects. Free and open to the public, "Vessels from the Past" runs Jan. 19 through Feb. 19.

Many of the vessels, ranging from household objects to burial objects, were purchased or excavated in Egypt during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and donated to the Royal Ontario

Museum in Toronto, Canada.

Contents of the exhibit are on loan to the University.

Pottery is the most common type of object found on archaeological sites in Egypt, making it a tool for understanding the ancient society. It was inexpensive to make, usable for storage, long-distance trade, serving food and drink and it kept its form in the face of water and heat.

Pottery in this exhibit includes jars for beer or perfume, small dishes for offerings in tombs or temples, a vessel dated back from between 5000 to 3000 B.C. with inscriptions of the names of kings, and a "Spirit House" for the afterlife.

The exhibit features informational text outlining the manner in which the pottery was made, burial customs and details about specific vessels, as well as a timeline of Egyptian history.

Exhibit curator Sara Orel, professor of art, will conduct a Faculty Forum at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in Magruder 2001.

A public reception will be hosted at 6 p.m. Feb. 16 in the University Art Gallery. The event includes appetizers and refreshments.

"Vessels from the Past" is sponsored by the Art Department, The Friends of the Gallery, The Missouri Arts Council and the Office of the Provost.

# Field Experiences Shape Career Paths for HES Students

Field experiences through the Health and Exercise Sciences department allow students to apply career-oriented skills in an off-campus internship during the summer months.

Some students have interned in their home communities and throughout the U.S., while others have interned as far away as Africa, Ireland, Australia, Mexico and England.

Chris Lantz, HES department chair and one of the coordinators for HES field experiences, said many students completing internships abroad, and even locally, report satisfaction with the program.

"The students consistently evaluate the field experience as the top experiential opportunity they have in our department," Lantz said.

Two of the three programs within the HES department require practical fieldwork, and some students complete as many as 320 hours. Lantz said

the requirements help students make decisions about what they want to do in their future careers.

"In many ways, those field experiences either reaffirm their interest in a particular area or shed light on the fact that this might not be the best fit for them professionally," Lantz said.

Students generally search for and select their own internships, but Lantz and four of his colleagues help find work sites, give approval and take care of problems and other issues.

Once students begin their experiences, Lantz and other faculty visit all students' work sites within a 200-mile radius.

Lantz said field experiences, especially those abroad, help round out the entire Truman experience.

"In order to consider oneself to be truly benefitting from a liberal arts and sciences education, you've got to immerse yourself in a foreign

culture," he said.

A field experience through the HES Department last summer allowed Sara Wissmann, a senior health science major, to explore her passion for mission work when she traveled to Malawi, Africa to teach HIV education seminars to youth and adults.

"I've only been in America my whole life, and so I don't know what the rest of the world is like," Wissmann said. "There are so many others to consider and serve and help," she said, expressing her desire to acknowledge and help fill the needs of others throughout the world.

For five weeks, Wissmann lived in the New Jersey-sized country, working with HIV Hope, a program that works to encourage and support those afflicted with HIV.

The program is a facet of New Mission Systems International, an agency that

coordinates Christian missions globally.

During her time in Africa, Wissmann and her companions primarily stayed in Malawi's modernized capitol city, Lilongwe. However, the group conducted most of their seminars in small villages.

Wissmann said her field experience is one she wouldn't trade. In fact, her life has been so shaped by her experience in Africa that she plans to affiliate with NMSI, the organization through which she worked last summer, to continue mission work after she graduates in May.

Wissmann is just one example of the nearly 90 students who participate each summer in the HES field experience program.

"It's definitely an invaluable experience," she said. "I wish everybody would go out and step out of our borders and see what life is like in other countries."

SUB After Dark presents

## Psychic Magician Craig Karges

7 p.m. Jan. 22  
Student Union Building  
Georgian Room

Karges, the "extraordinist," is an award-winning entertainer, a nationally recognized speaker and an author. He has made more than 4,000 appearances on four continents and in all 50 states.

The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), the nation's largest collegiate organization for student activities, has named him Campus Entertainer of the Year six times. Karges has also won NACA's Variety Performer of the Year award for a record shattering 12 consecutive years. The independent Campus Activities Magazine's annual reader's poll has also named Karges Entertainer of the Year on four occasions as well as Best Performing Arts Attraction, Best Male Performer, Best Solo Act and Best Live Novelty Event.

## Leadership Recognition Program Honors Students, Organizations and Advisers

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) is sponsoring the 2010 Leadership Recognition Program. The theme for this year is "Inspiring Others: Cultivating Leadership." This annual program is designed to honor Truman students, advisers and organizations for their dedication to their peers, campus and Kirksville community through various leadership roles and events during the year.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate exceptional student leaders, advisers, organizations and events on campus.

Student awards include the Athletic Leadership Award, the Excellence in Diversity Award, the New Student Leader Award,

the Outstanding President of the Year Award (one small and one large), the Outstanding Residence Leader Award, the Outstanding Student Worker Award and the Senior Leadership Award.

Organization awards include the Excellence in Diversity Organization Award, the Outstanding Educational Event, the Outstanding Entertainment Event Award, the Outstanding New Organization Award and the Outstanding Organization Award (one small and one large).

The adviser award is the E.M. Violette Outstanding Adviser of the Year Award.

The SERVE Center has an Outstanding Student Volunteer Award, Outstanding

Organization Award, and Outstanding Service Organization Award.

The Women's Resource Center will also have Women of Distinction Awards for a student woman leader, faculty woman leader and staff woman leader.

The nomination forms are due by 5 p.m. March 17 in the CSI office in the Student Union Building. They can be submitted electronically on the CSI website at <http://csi.truman.edu> or can be downloaded as a PDF.

For more information contact the CSI at 785.4222 or e-mail [csilrp@truman.edu](mailto:csilrp@truman.edu).

The Leadership Recognition Program banquet will be at 7 p.m. April 14 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

## NOTABLES

**Michael Goggin, associate professor of physics,** co-authored "Towards quantum chemistry on a quantum computer," which has been published by "Nature Chemistry." The article abstract can be viewed online at <http://www.nature.com/nchem/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nchem.483.html>.

**Gregg Siewert, professor of French,** is serving on the national nominating committee for the American Association of Teachers of French in 2010. He will complete two more years as Region VI (upper Midwest) representative to the AATF Executive Board.

## Goeser Named Spring Public Relations Intern

The Public Relations Office has announced Amanda Goeser, a junior public communication major and sociology minor, as intern for the spring semester.

Goeser is from Honey Creek, Iowa, and is a 2008 graduate of Lewis Central High School. She is the daughter of Russell and Joan Goeser and the oldest of two children.

As the Public Relations intern, Goeser will help write, produce and distribute the University newsletter, Truman Today, as well as post it online.



Amanda Goeser

She will also write press releases and perform various office tasks.

Goeser currently serves as vice president of the National Communication Association Student Club at Truman. She is a member of the Advertising and Public Relations Organization and writes for Detours Magazine.

Goeser's interest in public relations and writing, coupled with her desire to gain hands-on experience while at Truman, led her to this position.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City** is offering scholarship opportunities to female college juniors, seniors or graduate students, who are residents of the greater Kansas City area, attending Kansas or Missouri schools. The Kansas City area is defined as Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Greek sorority membership is required to apply for this program. Application deadline is Feb. 5. Applications are available online at <http://www.kcpanhel.com>.

**USA Funds** is taking applications for \$1,500 scholarships to qualified full-time undergraduate and graduate students from households with incomes of \$35,000 or less. Applicants for the scholarships must be enrolled or plan to enroll in coursework at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school beginning with the fall 2010 term. Deadline for students to submit the scholarship application is Feb. 15. For complete eligibility information and to download an application, visit USA Funds' website at <http://www.usafunds.org/scholarship>.

### Undergraduate Scholarship Program to Germany Deadline is Jan. 31.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites highly qualified undergraduate students to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. Scholarships are available either as part of an organized study abroad program or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year. Funding is offered for the academic year 2010-2011 and includes a monthly stipend, health insurance and a lump sum for travel. For program details go online to: <http://www.daad.org/?p=undergrad>. Current DAAD-Scholar blogs: <http://daadabroad.wordpress.com/>. DAAD Young Ambassadors: <http://www.daad.org/page/65670/>.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 25
Co-Rec Basketball	Open	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 25
Racquetball-Singles*	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 19	E-mail	Jan. 25
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Jan. 22	NA	Feb. 7
Badminton	Open	Jan. 26	E-mail	Jan. 30 & Feb. 6
Racquetball-Doubles*	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 2	E-mail	Feb. 8
Taboo	Open	Feb. 9	E-mail	Feb. 13
BAGGO**	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 23	E-mail	Feb. 28

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room. \*All racquetball matches will be played at the YMCA. \*\*New Event.



Film

### Zombieland

7 p.m.

Jan. 22

Baldwin Auditorium

7 & 9 p.m.

Jan. 23

Violette Hall 1000

The horror film Zombieland focuses on two men who have found a way to survive in a world overrun by zombies.

Admission is free.

No food or drink allowed.

### Career Expo Registration



Register today, and save the date!

Spring Career Expo  
11 a.m.-4p.m.  
Feb. 24

Student Union Building

Student registration opens at noon, Jan. 19. Register online at <http://career.truman.edu>. Career Expo is an excellent opportunity for students to find internships and jobs with top companies.

### GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM

"Transitional Justice: Global Mechanisms and Local Realities in the Aftermath of Genocide and Mass Human Rights Violations"

7 p.m.

Jan. 28

Magruder 2001

with Dr. Robert Hitchcock,  
Michigan State University

Organized by The Center for Teaching and Learning.

## NOTES

The **Weekly Lunch Series** will resume at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Spanish Room of the Student Union Building with a program by Charlene Boyes, director of the Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center. This center, housed in Violette Hall, is designed to assist University personnel to convert their ideas and developments into commercially viable products or services.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Truman in Washington Program** facilitates internship opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. Students can intern in their area of interest by working with Truman alumni, The Washington Center, or independently identified internships. Truman in Washington helps students locate housing in the D.C. area and provides students with support throughout the internship experience. Students also have the opportunity to earn academic credit through Truman in Washington, if they choose. Visit the Truman in Washington website at <http://twp.truman.edu> for more information. The site includes application materials, cost estimates, photographs taken by past interns and general information about the D.C. area. Applications for internships through The Washington Center are due by Jan. 19. Contact Diane Tobin Johnson at [djohnson@truman.edu](mailto:djohnson@truman.edu) or 785.7852 with any questions regarding an internship in the Washington, D.C. area.

The **Institute of International Education (IIE)** has announced the inauguration of the Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program (FINIP), funded by the Freeman Foundation. The internship aims to develop student leaders and strengthen the nonprofit sector in Indonesia. IIE

A **Faculty Forum** relating to "Vessels From the Past, an ancient Egyptian pottery exhibit on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum," will be presented by exhibit curator Sara Orel, professor of art, at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in Magruder Hall 2001. The theme for the Forum is The Garstang Excavations at Beni Hasan, Egypt.

will select and pair 10 Indonesian students pursuing U.S. degrees with 10 U.S. undergraduates and arrange internships for them to work together in an Indonesian nonprofit organization. The internship lasts from June 15-Aug. 17, 2010 and will take place in three cities: Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta. Interested American and Indonesian sophomores and juniors enrolled in U.S. institutions are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.iie.org/programs/finip>. The deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 15. Contact [finip@iie.org](mailto:finip@iie.org) for more information.

**Collegium Civitas** is now accepting applications for its professional internship program in Warsaw, Poland (June 1-July 31, 2010). Civitas offers students a unique opportunity to undertake professional internships in various areas, including politics, European integration, human rights, civic and political education, civil society, arts, history, Jewish culture and history, economics, business, media and journalism, legal and constitutional affairs, the environment and more. For details, visit <http://www.globaleducationleadership.org/>.

The Truman State University  
Theatre Department presents

*"Art"*

a play by Yasmina Reza

**8 p.m. • Jan. 22-23**  
**Ophelia Parrish**  
**Black Box Theater**

Tickets are \$1 and available at the Ophelia Parrish box office. All proceeds will go to the Truman Foundation Scholarship Fund.

"Art" concerns the cataclysmic effect on three friends, Serge, Marc and Yvan, when Serge purchases an expensive work of abstract art—a large painting consisting of white lines on a white canvas. As the three men engage in an ongoing debate over the value of the painting, emotions run high and the conflict escalates to the point of nearly destroying a long-standing friendship.

Presented by the Truman Theatre Faculty. Directed by Joan Larkins-Mather. Starring Randy Bame, Ron Rybkowski and David Charles Goyette.

### Apply today to be a **STUDENT AMBASSADOR**

*"Giving Prospective  
Students Perspective"*

Applications now available  
in the Admissions Office  
or online at  
[http://admissions.truman.edu/  
ambassadors.asp](http://admissions.truman.edu/ambassadors.asp).

Applications due: 5 p.m. Feb. 5  
Interviews: Feb. 9-19  
Questions: Contact Alana Walker  
[alanaw@truman.edu](mailto:alanaw@truman.edu)

### **Cold Turkey Tobacco Cessation Classes**

7-8 p.m.

Jan. 27;

Feb. 3, 10, 12, 17, 24;

March 3

Student Union Building 3203

Free patches, gum and  
physician consultations will be  
available at all classes.  
E-mail [ccox@truman.edu](mailto:ccox@truman.edu)  
for more information.

### **Summer Employment at Truman**

Upward Bound has open positions for residential mentors, night supervisor, reading specialist, chemistry instructor, physics instructor, and variety show director. Application packets will be accepted until positions are filled. Access application materials at <http://ub.truman.edu> or Kirk Building 220. Call Donna for additional details at 785.4244.



#### **Check out what is new at Pickler Memorial Library**

Click on the New Books link  
at [http://library.truman.edu/  
accessions/new\\_materials\\_main\\_  
page.asp](http://library.truman.edu/accessions/new_materials_main_page.asp). All new materials are  
listed including: Books, CDs,  
DVDs and all other new material  
the Library has received.

The 2009 National Book Award  
winners and finalists in the four  
categories: Fiction, Nonfiction,  
Poetry and Young People's  
Literature can be found at [http://  
www.nationalbook.org/nba2009.  
html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2009.html).

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Read-In**

**8 a.m.—3 p.m.**  
**Jan. 21–23**

The Multicultural Affairs  
Center is hosting the MLK  
Read-In. Students, faculty and  
staff can sign up to volunteer  
one hour of their day to read  
a book celebrating diversity  
awareness and appreciation  
to children in honor  
of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
For more information  
or to sign up, visit  
<http://mac.truman.edu>.

### **LiFT Week Helping Haiti**

10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Jan. 19–23  
Student Union Building

LiFT is the campus group that  
raises funds to sponsor children  
in foreign countries and to  
support a cause.

Right now LiFT is sponsoring  
two children. This month  
the organization is hoping to  
send \$200 to the Red Cross  
for Haiti's recent earthquake  
disaster relief.

Donations are welcome, but  
those wanting to help can also  
buy a LiFT bracelet for \$1. Half  
of this price goes directly to the  
cause while the other half goes  
to future fundraising.

LiFT members will be at a table  
in the Student Union Building  
from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
each school day Jan. 19–23.  
LiFT is also looking for new  
members.