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Student Research Conference Showcases Achievements

On April 13, Truman will conduct its 23rd annual Student Research Conference, which will feature a broad spectrum of presentations by students from all academic disciplines.

Scheduled classes will not meet during the day of the Conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and faculty members to attend and fully participate. Evening classes will meet as scheduled.

The day will be a University-wide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement.

This year's Conference will be a record event, with 360

presentations delivered by 519 student authors who are mentored by 160 faculty, 146 from Truman.

Students will present their scholarly work in a range of presentation types, including oral papers, posters, performing arts and studio arts.

The day will also include a Conference-wide plenary address by Dr. Denise Von Glahn, professor of musicology and director of the Center for Music of the Americas at Florida State University. The plenary session begins at 11 a.m. in Violette Hall 1000.

Registration will take place in the Student Union Building from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Student

presenters, faculty mentors and session moderators should pick up their name tags at the registration table.

A program book, including the full schedule of presentations, maps and other information, will be available at the registration desk in the Student Union Building on the day of the conference.

Oral papers will be delivered in classrooms in Violette Hall and Magruder Hall, and music performances and art exhibits will be in Ophelia Parrish.

The poster session will be in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building, as will the closing reception.

Several refreshment breaks are scheduled throughout the day.

A full Conference program and all presentation abstracts can be found online at <http://src.truman.edu>. The abstracts can be electronically browsed and extensively searched.

Website visitors can create a custom schedule of presentations and events to attend.

The website also includes other useful information for students and faculty, and historical details about past Conferences.

The Student Research Conference is planned and coordinated by the Office of Student Research.



"Sherlock Holmes"

6:30 and 9 p.m. ♦ April 9

3 p.m. ♦ April 10

All showings in Violette Hall 1000. Free admission.

The Sklar Brothers Comedy Duo

7 p.m.

April 12

Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are free with Truman ID. General admission is \$2.

Bill Nye the Science Guy

5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

April 16

Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are free with Truman ID. General admission is \$5.

Children's Literature Festival Returns

The Children's Literature Festival returns to Truman on April 16. Included in the Festival are 12 authors and illustrators, and approximately 1,400 students from grades four to six.

The Festival will take place from 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Children will participate in 30-minute sessions with the guest authors and illustrators.

Visiting authors and illustrators include: Alma Flor Ada, Mary Amato, Isabel Campoy, Jill Esbaum, Lucia Gonzalez, Carol Gorman, Jane Kurtz, Cynthia Lord, Ben Mikaelson, Gloria Skurzynski, Brad Sneed and Michael Spradlin.

All children attending must be pre-registered. The sessions are open to faculty, staff, students and other interested adults.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend an informal meeting

and book signing with the authors and illustrators from 3-4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Refreshments will be served.

The Festival will conclude with a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. The dinner is limited to pre-registered adults and children accompanied by an adult. The cost of the dinner is \$10.50. At 7 p.m. authors Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy will give a presentation.

The Festival was an annual event for 21 years, but due to severe budget cuts it was discontinued in 2004.

A Children's Literature Festival Fund was started in 2007 in an effort to reinstate the event. Because of this fund, the Festival returned in 2009.

The Festival is sponsored by Pickler Memorial Library with

financial support from the Freeman Foundation, Barnes & Noble - Truman State University and the State Library LSTA Spotlight on Literacy from the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State.

For more information about the Festival, contact Sharon Hackney at 785.7366 or e-mail shackney@truman.edu, or go online to <http://library.truman.edu/Children%27sLiteratureFestival.asp>.

To register for sessions or the dinner, contact Daisy Rearick at 785.4048 or at drearick@truman.edu.

For information about the Children's Literature Festival Fund, call the Office of Advancement at 785.4133 or visit <http://giving.truman.edu/SpecialInitiatives/ChildrensLiteratureFestival.asp>.

The authors' books are available at the Truman State University Bookstore.

April 18-24
Earth Week 2010:
Ecologically Sound

April 18

Trash Bash
3 p.m.

Meet in front of Kirk Memorial

April 19

Tabling on the Quad
10 a.m.-3 p.m. ♦ Quad

*Local Foods Dinner
and Discussion*
6 p.m. ♦ Student Union Building
Georgian Rooms

April 20

Tabling on the Quad
10 a.m.-3 p.m. ♦ Quad

Environmental Studies Conference
10 a.m.-4 p.m. ♦ Student Union
Building Alumni Room

April 21

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10 a.m.-3 p.m. ♦ Quad

Environmental Studies Conference
10 a.m.-4 p.m. ♦ Student Union
Building Alumni Room

Gardening Workshop
10:30-11:30 a.m. ♦ Quad
(Rain site: Magruder Hall 2000)

April 22 - Earth Day

Garbology
11 a.m.-6 p.m. ♦ Mall

Fried Foods Fundraiser
10 a.m.-3 p.m. ♦ Quad

"Fuel" Movie Showing
7 p.m. ♦ Violette Hall 1000

April 23

Arbor Day Tree Planting
1 p.m.
Communiversy Garden
(near West Campus Suites)

Fried Foods Fundraiser
10 a.m.-3 p.m. ♦ Quad

Admission is free to all events,
unless otherwise noted.

Information about Earth
Week events taking place
off-campus can be found on
TruView under the Kirksville tab.

Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Celebrates Anniversary

A plaque celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Delta Chapter of Missouri Phi Beta Kappa was recently unveiled in Pickler Memorial Library.

The process for installing a Phi Beta Kappa chapter is very rigorous. Only about 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

The ideal Phi Beta Kappan has demonstrated intellectual integrity, tolerance for other views and a broad range of academic interests.

Each year, about one college senior in 100, nationwide, is invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa shows commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, and to freedom of inquiry and expression — and it provides a competitive edge in the marketplace.



Attendees pose for a photo after the installation of the Phi Beta Kappa plaque in Pickler Memorial Library. Truman is only the second public Missouri university to have received a Phi Beta Kappa charter.

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest undergraduate academic honor society in the liberal arts and sciences. It was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and now has a total of 270 chapters.

Interoffice Exchange Offers Staff A New Opportunity

Staff members now have the opportunity to take part in the first-ever Truman Interoffice Exchange to promote cross training and create a better understanding of other departments.

In response to feedback, the Staff Council's University and Community Relations Committee began to discuss the possibility of providing something like job shadowing or cross training.

This committee then met with the Staff Development and Recognition Committee. Together they came up with the Truman Interoffice Exchange to help staff members appreciate and empathize with each other and to help discover how all of the "puzzle pieces" contribute toward making the bigger picture — the Truman Experience.

The Truman Interoffice Exchange is a continuation

of "Building a Sense of Belonging as a Part of the Truman Experience," which was discussed during the University Conference Day.

Staff members interested in participating, whether it be a full day, half day, or even a couple of hours, should communicate with their supervisor, then fill out the form at <http://staffcouncil.truman.edu>.

Once Staff Council has received responses, participating staff members will be contacted and informed of their options and what is available.

After an exchange has been agreed upon, staff members will receive another e-mail confirming the exchange date and location, with two attached forms: a confidentiality agreement to submit to the exchange office and a brief questionnaire to fill out and turn in anonymously after the exchange.

Students Take Part in International Education Day



Students and staff members representing Truman during International Education Day take a picture with Sen. Wes Shoemyer and Rep. Rebecca McClanahan at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 24. Nineteen different schools and more than 250 students participated in the event, designed to showcase and encourage cultural exchange and study abroad opportunities. Missouri is 17th in the nation in the number of international students with 11,285 attending college in the state.

NOTABLES

Sylvia Macauley, associate professor of history, served as chair and discussant of the "Africa, Agency, Contestation and Acculturation" panel during the Conference on Perspectives on Cross-Cultural History at St. Louis University March 19-20.

Nicole Moore, a graduate music student, is one of 62 semifinalists invited to compete for \$11,000 in prizes during the 2010 Naftzger Young Artists Auditions and Music Awards. The competition, which is administered by the Wichita Symphony, will take place April 23-24 at Duerksen Fine Arts Center on the campus of Wichita State University. Contestants will compete for a single \$5,000 prize, plus \$2,000 prizes in each of the three divisions — piano, instrumental and voice. Moore will play the viola in the instrumental division.

Lynn Rose, professor of history, and **Steven Reschly, professor and chair of history**, have completed "Amish Tourism in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: Open-Air Freak Show," and will submit it for publication to Disability Studies Quarterly. In October 2009, Rose and Reschly also visited the new Acropolis Museum, among other sites, in Athens, Greece, as part of the on-site preparation for the two fully-enrolled "Sacred Sites in Greece" faculty-led study abroad courses. The first three-week, six-credit course will take place in May/June 2010 and will be led by Reschly and **James Cianciola, assistant professor of communication**.

The second course will take place in July/August, and will be facilitated by Reschly, **Molly Herbert, assistant professor of classical studies**, and **Eric Ross, visiting assistant professor of history**.

Six Truman Spanish majors presented papers at the St. Louis University 2010 French and Spanish Undergraduate and Graduate Students Symposium March 27. The students were: **Grant G. Berry**, "La estructura espacio-temporal en 'El Sur' y 'El jardín de senderos que se bifurcan'"; **Tahamara Ibarra**, "Fedina Rodas y Alba Santgy: Mujeres de esperanza en el infierno político de El señor Presidente y La casa de los espíritus"; **Jillian S. Lopez** "Búsqueda de la identidad y recuperación de la memoria en Retrato en sepia"; **Josef D. Sallen**, "La pesadilla continua: El señor Presidente"; **Theresa M. Giuffrida**, "El desequilibrio del poder en El señor Presidente de Miguel Ángel Asturias"; and **Nathan Beck** "El poder del temor político en la dictadura y su representación en El señor presidente."

Truman students Timothy Ryan, Charles Tomlinson and Zachary Whitehouse represented Truman in the 70th Annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition administered on campus in December. The team ranked 127 of 546. Whitehouse earned a score that ranked him 186.5 out of 4,036 contestants. The top 200 ranked students have their names and institutions reported to all participating institutions.

Phi Beta Lambda Collects Competitive Awards

The 51st Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference took place in Jefferson City, Mo., March 26-27. The conference theme was Missouri PBL — Simply the Best.

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and election of officers for the next year.

The Truman chapter received the award for third largest chapter in the state. The following students were recognized: Ivana Tjung (3rd) and Caroline Forsythe (1st) in accounting analysis and decision making; Caroline Forsythe (4th) in business law; Giorgi Amashukeli (2nd) in contemporary sports issues; Wanding Shi (3rd) financial analysis and decision making; Wanding Shi (1st) and James Fang

(3rd) in financial concepts; Parker Leatherman (2nd) in impromptu speaking; Jacob Caughron (5th) in information management; Booyoung Jang (3rd) in international business; Son Le (1st) in management concepts; Ihan Prasetyo (5th) in microeconomics; Son Le (1st) in project management; Ihan Prasetyo (1st) in statistical analysis; and Parker Leatherman (1st) in telecommunications.



Pictured from left to right: James Fang, Parker Leatherman, Booyoung Jang, Jacob Caughron, Ivana Tjung, Giorgi Amashukeli, Wanding Shi, Caroline Forsythe, Trang Le, Son Le, Ihan Prasetyo, Cathy Poyner (not pictured: Wataru Oe).

Nearly all of Truman's participants are eligible to represent the University at the National Leadership Conference July 9-13, in Nashville, Tenn.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business.

Campus-Community Connection

**12:30 p.m. ♦ April 7
Student Union Building
Activities Room**

Exchange ideas, find new collaborations, and define the future of service in Kirksville. There will be roundtable discussions between campus leaders and community agencies - separated into interest areas. Each area will define key issues to be addressed and future service and service-learning projects.

RSVP to bcloyd@truman.edu or 785.7753. If you do not RSVP but would still like to attend, please come.

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning and SOAN 265.

Seniors: Give Your Own "Last Lecture"

What would you say? How has your Truman Experience shaped your outlook on life? What were your best experiences at Truman?

Submit your last lecture in less than 1,500 words for a chance to win \$100 to the Truman Bookstore.

Entries must be submitted to <http://conduct.truman.edu> by April 16.

SIFE Furniture Bazaar April 22-23

Moving away from Kirksville? Submit photos of items to sell with price and contact information to epw6813@truman.edu by April 12.

Getting a place in Kirksville?

Photos and contact information will be posted on the Facebook event page "SIFE Furniture Bazaar" so that interested buyers may contact sellers.

There will also be a table from 12-4 p.m. April 22-23 on the Quad displaying pictures of the pieces. There is a \$3 upfront commission charge. Transactions will take place outside of the event, SIFE is simply acting as a mediator.

Sponsored by SIFE
(Students in Free Enterprise).

Seize the Day! Be a Buddy to Special Olympics Athletes

Come cheer on the athletes, hang out at Olympic Village between events and work one-on-one with athletes. Grab a friend, put on a smile and sign up to be a buddy for the Spring Special Olympics in Kirksville April 17. If interested, e-mail Lara at lk18154@truman.edu.

Conference Highlights Nonprofit Work

The University Career Center will conduct its third annual Lend a Hand for a Living conference April 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

The conference will include a poster display session featuring exhibitions with information on more than 100 different nonprofits, along with employment opportunities within the nonprofit industry.

The poster display will be followed by an evening symposium.

Steve Joiner, a previous employee of idealist.org, is the conference keynote speaker.

There will be additional opportunities to speak with other professionals who have previously or currently work within a nonprofit organization.

Breakout sessions on professionalism and networking skills will also be presented during the conference.

The poster session will take place from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. April 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. The conference is scheduled for 6 p.m., beginning with the keynote speaker, also in the Georgian Room.

For questions about the poster display or conference, contact Elizabeth Bauer at ebauer@truman.edu.

Percussion Ensembles Set to Perform

Truman Concert Percussion Ensembles I and II will present the annual "Spring Percussion Extravaganza" concert at 8 p.m. April 11 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The ensembles are directed by Michael Bump, associate professor of percussion studies, and assisted by Jason Baskin and Vince Wallace, graduate teaching assistants.

This year's concert will present "Monuments of Percussion," featuring some of the most influential and historically significant works ever written for percussion ensemble.

The program includes Edgard Varese's *Ionisation*, generally considered the first art piece for percussion ensemble and a landmark merging of science and the industrial world within the musical aesthetic.

The program will also include John Cage's *Third Construction* for percussion quartet, complete with conch shell soloist, and Mario Davidovsky's *Synchronisms No. 5*, recognized as the first work for percussion ensemble with recorded electronic sound synthesis.

Admission is Free. For additional information, contact Bump at mbump@truman.edu.

Greek Students Show Appreciation for Community

The Greek Community Relations Board will sponsor its first annual B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It or Not I Care) Week, April 6-10 to show appreciation to the administration, faculty, staff, students and community members that help make Truman a special place.

Starting April 6, the group is honoring the campus administration. April 7 is student appreciation day and there will be a table on the quad where students can pick up candy or other treats as a token of the organization's appreciation of

their fellow students. Faculty and staff appreciation days will be April 8-9.

The final event, a community flag football game, will take place at 1 p.m. April 10 in Stokes Stadium. Greeks will be partnering up with members of the Kirksville Police Department and other emergency responders to play a game of flag football at the stadium.

For more information, contact Beth Tuttle at btuttle@truman.edu.

NOTES

A health and wellness presentation for faculty and staff will take place at 3 p.m. April 7 in Pickler Memorial Library Room 103. The presentation is about "Summer Skin Safety and Mythbusters." Learn about summer skin misconceptions.

For-Words: An English and Linguistics Event Series, presents a performance and discussion with songwriter, poet and visual artist Grant Hart at 7 p.m. April 8 in the Violette Hall Commons on the second floor.

The Board of Governors will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 10 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

A group of French majors will perform Raymond Queneau's "Exercices de style," at 8 p.m. April 13-14 in the Student Union Building Down Under. A translation of the text is available at <http://www2.truman.edu/~plobert>. For more information, e-mail Patrick Lobert at plobert@truman.edu.

For-Words: An English and Linguistics Event Series, will present a poetry reading with Missouri Poet Laureate, Walter Bergen at 7:30 p.m. April 15 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Public Relations Office is now accepting résumés for the full-time Fall 2010 internship position. Interns can receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in public relations office duties. Interns usually take six hours of class in addition to six hours of internship credit. Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing. Communication majors are encouraged to apply, with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of Associated Press style, experience in desktop publishing and familiarity of InDesign or similar software. To apply, send a

résumé, two writing samples and contact information for two on-campus references to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101, by April 9. For specific questions about the internship, contact Heidi Templeton at heidi@truman.edu.

The SERVE Center is hiring for student assistant positions via TruPositions. Applications will be accepted through April 9, and successful candidates will be notified of interview times for the week of April 12. Apply at <https://trupositions.truman.edu>.

HEALTH SCIENCE TEAM PLACES NATIONALY

Truman's Health Science Case Study entered the national AAHE Case Study Competition at the AAHPERD national convention in Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.

The team, consisting of Kelsey Cler, Sarah Folks and Katie Emery, took second place at the competition. Grace McGaughey was the alternate member.

On March 17, the team had 12 minutes to present their plan and were evaluated on how well they covered the seven certified health education specialist responsibilities: assess, plan, implement, evaluate, serve as a resource, communicate and administer the program.

The results were announced March 19. Ohio University took first place and Ball State University took third place.

The Truman students were commended for the quality and amount of research and statistics they gathered and presented.

Glow Stick It To Cancer

Two-mile run/ walk

Registration at 8:30 p.m.

Kick-off at 9 p.m.

April 13

Stokes Stadium

\$7 for Glowsticks

\$20 Glowsticks and t-shirt

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Sponsored by Phi Epsilon Kappa.



National Library Week
April 11-17

Pickler Memorial Library is celebrating National Library Week with the annual Audible Laudables campus reading event. Stop by the Quad in front of the Library from 1-4 p.m. April 14 and listen to students, staff and faculty read excerpts from their favorite books. Other events will include a **Book Swap table, Food-for-Fines and a chance to win prizes.** For more information, call Gayla at 785.4037.