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GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM LOOKS AT NUCLEAR ENERGY

Stephanie Malin will be speaking at the Global Issues Colloquium on “Uranium Communities and Nuclear Renaissance: Energy and Environmental Justice on the Colorado Plateau” at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Malin is a 2004 graduate of Truman with a double major in sociology/anthropology and English, and a minor in philosophy/religion. She recently completed her Ph.D. in environmental and natural resources sociology and social change and development at Utah State University, and is currently doing postdoctoral research at Brown University.

In her lecture, Malin will critically examine recent proposals that a global renewal of nuclear energy – a nuclear renaissance – can serve as a viable solution to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts. She will focus on emergent social impacts of nuclear power on rural communities that are embedded within global systems, such as uranium markets.

The Global Issues Colloquium will also feature Marc Rice from the Department of Music to present “The Revolution will be YouTubed: Global Protest, the New Media and Music,” at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Lyceum Opens with Interpretation of “The Phantom of the Opera” by Vox Lumiere

Truman’s 2011-2012 Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will open with Vox Lumiere’s “The Phantom of the Opera” at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in Baldwin Auditorium.

Vox Lumiere’s interpretation of “The Phantom of the Opera” combines music, theatre and silent film into a 21st century version of the classic.

The story is based upon the novel written by Gaston Leroux and focuses on the masked and facially deformed Phantom who haunts the world’s most famous opera

house. The Phantom causes murder and mayhem in an attempt to force the management to make the woman he loves a star.

This performance features thrilling new music and a breathtaking live performance that meld with the beauty of the original silent film.

Vox Lumiere has won five first-round Grammy nominations, two 21st Century Filmmaker Awards and was nationally televised in a PBS special.

Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff and will be available starting Oct. 19. Students may pick up their tickets at the Student Activities Board Office in the Student Union Building. Faculty and staff may acquire their tickets at the information desk in the Student Union Building.



Vox Lumiere’s “The Phantom of the Opera”

General admission tickets for the event cost \$7 for all ages and will be available beginning Oct. 19 at the Truman Cashiers Window in McClain Hall or downtown at Edna Campbells.

For additional information, visit lyceum.truman.edu or contact 785.4016.

Student Rep Needed for Board of Governors

Applications to become the next student representative to the Truman Board of Governors are now available.

The student representative plays a vital role in the protection and advancement of student interests, regularly consulting with the Board of Governors, the highest policy-making body for the University. The Board plays an important role in shaping different aspects of University policy. With students making up the majority of the community, it is important that the Board has a strong student member to further their constituency’s needs, interests and concerns. It is the responsibility of the student representative to communicate these ideas with the Board as well as with many other areas of the campus community.

Serving as the student representative to the Board provides the opportunity to represent the

student body on issues such as tuition, student fees, University personnel, spending and policy. Current student representative Luke Freeland describes his experience in this position as beneficial.

“I have found my time spent in this position to be a learning experience that has taught me many things about both higher education and myself,” Freeland said. “It has been my honor serving the students of Truman State University as their representative.”

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 28 and can be found on the Board’s website at governors.truman.edu/StudentRepresentativeApplicationPacket.asp.

Students may contact Freeland at laf3562@truman.edu for more information or to answer any questions.



Fall 2011 Career Week

Oct. 18

Peace Corps Info Session

6-7 p.m.

Student Union Building
Alumni Room

Networking Reception

7-8 p.m.

Student Union Building
Georgian Room
(by invite only)

Cerner Info Session

8 p.m.

Student Union Building 3201

Washington, D.C.

Intern Panel

8 p.m.

Student Union Building 3202

Oct. 19

Career Expo

12-4 p.m.

Student Union Building

Non Profit Poster Display

12-4 p.m.

Student Union Building HUB

TruService Information Night

7 p.m.

Oct. 20

Student Union Building
Alumni Room

The SERVE Center will host an information night featuring the TruService database as well as upcoming service opportunities.

Organizations and individuals will learn how to use TruService and how the database can benefit them in finding service opportunities and tracking volunteer hours.

Truman to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November

Truman will host several events in November to recognize Native American Heritage Month.

The first event, "Cahokia Mounds and Palmer Park," will give students the opportunity to travel with the Multicultural Affairs Center to St. Louis, Mo., to visit Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. The excursion will take place Nov. 5-6. Interested students can email Kati Smith at katismith@truman.edu by Oct. 21.

A Native American dinner will take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 13 in Ryle Hall. The free dinner will feature a traditional Native American meal to celebrate culture and tradition.

"History, Heritage and Identity" will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Student Union

Building Alumni Room. The event will feature Robbi Ferron, an Indian Elder, enrolled with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Ferron will speak of major historical events in the Native American culture, current issues and Indian identity. She has a Bachelor of Arts in art and education, a Masters in counseling and a Juris Doctorate.

Ferron has fought extensively for the Indian country on issues including Indian land rights, fetal alcohol syndrome and effect, and Indian burial sites. She has also mediated tribal court cases and served as a tribal court and appellate judge.

For more information about Native American Heritage Month, contact Smith at 785.4142.

TruTouch Application Upgrades to 2.0 Version

TruTouch, the iOS application that gives iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch users convenient, one-click access to various sorts of information about Truman, has upgraded to version 2.0.

The application was developed by Chad Mohler, professor of philosophy and religion.

One of the key new features of this version is the ability to browse Truman's Open Course List by term and subject area. TruTouch users can quickly find out important information such as course section, number of seats available, instructor, number of credit hours, meeting times and locations, co-and prerequisites, general attributes, restrictions, catalog description and textbook information. Other new features of the 2.0 version include a redesign of the main menu

interface, a fall semester update of the listing of student organizations and campus offices and compatibility with iOS, Apple's newly released update to the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch operating system.

TruTouch 2.0 still allows its users to perform all other version 1.0 functions such as finding people on campus and contacting them via phone or email, checking campus weather, reading the Index, Truman Today or Truman Review and navigating Truman with the campus map.

The application is available as a free download from the iTunes Application Store at itunes.apple.com/us/app/trutouch/id396451472?mt=8. More information about TruTouch can be found by going to www.appsolutelyfun.com or by contacting Mohler at chmohler@truman.edu.

University Swingers to Host Workshop

The University Swingers will host their annual swing dance weekend workshop, "Rock Ya Body" Oct. 21-23.

The workshop will offer advanced and elective classes and all levels of dance experience are welcome. The advanced classes will feature professional dance instructors Jenna Swozyjanek and Jonathan Jacobs from Big City Swing in Chicago and the elective classes will be conducted by Becka Tasetano and Tristan Wood.

The cost for the weekend will be \$30 for eight hours of professional instruction, \$25 for Saturday only, \$15 for Sunday only and \$7 a la carte classes.

Free social dances will be offered both Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building Down Under. Friday's class will include a "Lindy Hop Crash Course" from 7-8 p.m.

Saturday classes will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m., 2:45-3:45 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Sunday classes will take place from 10-11 a.m., 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The advanced classes will be conducted in Kirk Building Gym and elective classes in Pershing Building Small Gym.

For more information, or to register, email theuniversityswingers@gmail.com.

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Forensics Begins Season with Several Awards

The Truman forensic team brought home several individual and team awards in late September as a start to their season.

At Western Kentucky University, sophomore AJ Taula earned fourth place in dramatic interpretation, third place in prose and took first overall in poetry during the first half of the swing tournament. Taula also took sixth place in poetry in the second half and is now qualified to compete at the national tournament in these three events.

The team members had all five competitors break to out rounds. Sophomore Myra Milam made it to the final round and took second place on a 2-1 decision. This is the second year that Milam has made it to the final round in this tournament. She was also third place speaker. Sophomores John Carney, Nick Gorman and Kristen Wright made it to the octofinal round as did freshman Maddie Ebert. All five debaters

placed in the top in the field for speaker awards and are now eligible to compete at the national tournament.

Overall, the team earned second place in the tournament. They also earned second place in the combined sweepstakes category.

"This was a great overall tournament for us," Russ Luce, assistant director of forensics, said. "We hit the top teams in the nation and held our own. With such a young team, it was great that we took on the best in the nation and came out ahead. This team holds a lot of promise for the rest of the season."

After traveling to Illinois State University, junior Jessica Petrie won second place in impromptu speaking.

Students interested in competing in forensics can contact Kristi Scholten, director of forensics, at kscholten@truman.edu.

Eco-Olympics Will Host First Event Oct. 18

Eco-Olympics, sponsored by Student Senate's Environmental Affairs Committee, is hosting its first event, the showing of the documentary, "Tapped," at 8 p.m. Oct. 18 in Magruder Hall 1096.

The documentary is about the amount of waste that comes from the production of bottled water and the effect it has on the environment.

Eco-Olympics is a sustainability competition between the residence halls to teach students how to be more conscious about the amount of waste

produced and the amount of energy consumed.

The competition is geared to teach students in a way that involves prizes, food and fun. Events will take place periodically throughout the year where points will be awarded to each dorm for the amount of students who participate. Attendance for dorms will be taken during the night of the first event.

Cookies will be provided. For more information, contact Ashley Jost at alj3737@truman.edu.

Grade Schoolers Invited to Science on Saturday

Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society is conducting a "Science on Saturday" program to offer the opportunity for children in second, third, fourth and fifth grades to come to Truman and learn about different aspects of science from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 29.

The science program is conducted by the service chairs of Beta Beta Beta and offers a variety

of subjects for children such as insects, reptiles, amphibians, physics, oceanography, plants and many others.

Children from second and third grade are welcome from 9-11:30 a.m. and children from third and fourth grade are welcome from 1-4 p.m.

Contact Meghan Knuston at 515.238.5515 or Julia Price at 314.750.8164 for more information.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for Foundation scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2011-2012. They can be found online at secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/ and are due by midnight Nov. 1. To learn more, go to truman.edu and click on "Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships." Applications for the majority of Foundation scholarships will be available in February for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Summer School Interest Survey

The Truman Institute is conducting a survey on course preferences for summer school to help faculty and administrators better select courses. Truman Bookstore gift cards will be given to respondents selected in a drawing. The "First Prize" will be a \$100 gift card and two "Second Prize" \$50 gift cards will be awarded.

Students can find the survey by visiting survey.truman.edu/Survey.aspx?surveyid=3652.

2011 SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK

Students of the Health 440 class are hosting Sleep Awareness Week to promote the benefits of sound sleep on campus.

Oct. 25

Pajama Day with Hammocks and Tables on the Quad
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"Medical Aspects of Sleep"
Brenda Higgins
7 p.m.

Student Union
Building Activities Room

Oct. 26

Yoga and Tables on the Quad
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Oct. 27
Mass Nap
and Tables on the Quad
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"Sleepy Students"
Joe Hamilton
7 p.m.

Student Union Building
Activities Room

Sustainability on Campus

Did you know?

Plastic recycling is now available on campus.

Updates on the Presidential Sustainability Action Committee:

PSAC has launched its new website. It can be accessed by visiting sustainability.truman.edu.

On this site is information regarding Truman's sustainability pledge, PSAC documents, information on the committee and upcoming sustainable events.

NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL

7:30 p.m. Oct. 27
1:30 p.m. Oct. 28
Ophelia Parrish

Both concerts will feature new music from guest composer Christopher Biggs, Truman composers and other contemporary composers. Events are free and open to the public.

NOTES

The Center for International Study Abroad will host speaker, Phoebe Mayer, to talk about studying abroad in Austria from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Student Union Building 3204.

The Art Department is hosting a public reception for the "Up Against the Wall: Posters of Social Protest" and "Spotlight Exhibition-Deanna Dikeman" at 6 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Art Gallery in Ophelia Parrish.

There will be a physics colloquium at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19 in Magruder 1000. Klaus Bartschat of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Drake University will present, "Single and Double Ionization of Atoms by Short-Pulse Intense Laser Fields and Charged-Particle Impact."

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host a brown bag lunch and discussion at 12 p.m. Oct. 20 in the Student Union Building 3201. Topics include: How might you make meaningful improvements to how and what your students learn? How does this compare to suggestions being pushed by the National Center for Academic Transformation and supported by the state? How would you know whether you are successful? How does this compare to current assessment practices at Truman? Participants should bring their lunches from Mainstreet. All are welcome. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The Sri Lankan Student Association will host Sri Lankan Night from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms. The event will feature traditional food and performances. Email js8853@truman.edu for more information.

A Cappella Fest will take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 21 in Baldwin Auditorium. The event will feature Minor Detail, True Men, Sweet Nothings and more a cappella groups from nearby colleges. Canned food donations are encouraged to give to Food Depot. Admission is free.

The third Annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium will take place at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Connell Information Technologies Center at A.T. Still University. The event is focused on faculty-mentored student research in biomedical science. Students are encouraged to register and submit an abstract. Visit www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CV64NP3DT/ for registration and submissions.

Sigma Alpha Iota will host "Music from our Roots," a fall musicale, from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Sunken Garden. Students will play music from their heritage.

The Annual Benefits Fair will take place from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Student Union Building.

The deadline to submit applications for traveling funds to participate in the National Conference of Undergraduate Research is 4 p.m. Oct. 26. Applications can be found online at osr.truman.edu/ncur. Students must submit their applications along with their abstracts to Magruder Hall 3132.

The Theatre Fall Lab Show "Next Fall" will take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 26-29 in the BlackBox Theatre. Admission is free.

Up 'til Dawn Letter Writing Campaign will take place from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Oct. 28 in the Student Recreation Center.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is hosting their annual food drive for the Kirksville Community. An upcoming drop off will be during the women's soccer game from 12:30-2 p.m. Oct. 29.

The deadline to submit McNair Program applications is Nov. 1. They are available online at mcnair.truman.edu. Contact Sarah Hass, program coordinator, at 785.5393 for additional information.

Pickler Memorial Library

RAP Sessions

Do you need extra help with your term paper or research project, such as refining your topic or locating useful and appropriate sources? Subject librarians are available for RAP (Research Assistance Program) appointments tailored to your specific research need. There are a couple of ways to set up an appointment: from the library's home page, under 'Get Help,' click on 'Request a RAP Session' and fill out the online form, call the Reference Desk at 785.4051, or just stop by!

COMMUNITY PARTNER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. • Nov. 3
During The SERVE Center's "Big Week of Giving."

The event will recognize the Community Partner of the Year Award, given to an outstanding community member or agency that has worked closely with the University to promote public scholarship amongst Truman students. Nominations can be found at serve.truman.edu under "Community Partner Award Nomination." They are due by 12 p.m. Oct. 21. Contact Lynn Dreisilker at led7877@truman.edu for more information.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program provides U.S. citizen undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to go overseas for an intensive summer language institute in 13 critical need foreign languages for seven to ten weeks. Interested applicants may visit clscholarship.org/applications.

Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due Nov. 15.

A Conversation on the Liberal Arts Fall 2011 Schedule

All events are sponsored by the President's Office and run from 7-8 p.m.
They will be followed by a social.

"Stronger and Weaker Arguments for a Liberal Arts and Sciences University"
Clifton Kreps
professor of classics
Nov. 9
Student Union Building Alumni Room

"The Perennially Practical Liberal Arts"
Steve Smith
professor of business administration
Dec. 5
Student Union Building
Georgian Rooms A and B