Gooch Awarded Educator of the Year

Warren Gooch, professor of music, theory and composition, received top honors at the 23rd annual Educator of the Year Banquet April 18.

Gooch teaches Music Analysis IV, Introduction to Music Composition and Music Composition Studio. He serves as chair of six campus organizations and is involved in numerous Truman programs and councils, including coordinator of the Master of Arts in Music program.

Warren Gooch received his doctorate in composition from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and his bachelor's degree from the College of St. Scholastica.

Outside of Truman, Gooch is active in countless music and arts organizations, such as the Iowa Composers Forum, Kirksville Regional Arts Association and Music Teachers National Association. Gooch also dedicates his time to local church-related activities such as church choir director and keyboard player, Sunday School teacher and Music and Worship Committee member.

Students nominate professors for Educator of the Year. Nominees then submit an essay and syllabus to the Educator of the Year committee, which selects the finalist.

In addition to Gooch, this year's finalists included Elizabeth Hooper, Maria Nagan, Thomas Capuano and Shirley McKamie.

Students from the Pershing Society, Student Senate and Phi Kappa Phi serve on the Educator of the Year Committee.

Speech and Debate Wins 2012 National Championship

The Truman Speech and Debate won a national championship after competing in the 42nd National Forensics Association National Championship Tournament in Athens, Ohio April 19-23.

Approximately 65 schools from all over the nation had representatives qualify to compete in individual events, and 18 schools competed in debate. Truman found success in both, advancing four debaters to elimination rounds as well as one individual events competitor. Truman brought down reigning champions, Western Kentucky University, which has won a total of eight consecutive championship titles.

Sophomore, Myra Milam advanced amongst 75 competitors, and through three rounds of single elimination, to debate in the Lincoln-Douglas semi-final. Each of those competitors had to qualify during the regular season to earn their place at the national championship. This semi-final finish is one step better than Milam's finish last year. As a freshman, Milam advanced to the quarterfinal round. She had a better showing this year and earned a 4th place speaker award.

Freshman Maddie Ebert also battled her way through to the semi-final round. Ebert took home an 8th place speaker award. Speaker awards are given to those debaters who show talent in public speaking skills and separate from win/loss records. Sophomore Kristen Wright also took home a speaking trophy, earning 5th place. Both Wright and sophomore John Carney broke into the first round of single elimination—but did not advance past the double-octofinal round. This puts them in the top 32 of the field, while Milam and Ebert now rank in the top four.

In Individual Events, junior Jessica Petrie advanced to the semi-final round of Impromptu Speaking. There were a total of 168 competitors in this event, and a semi-final round finish puts Petrie in the top 12 in the nation. Impromptu Speaking is an event that changes from round to round as competitors are asked to quickly (within two minutes) prepare a speech that defends a specific thesis. Petrie's finish, as well as the combined points earned from the eight other speech event competitors in preliminary rounds, earned the team a 6th place overall finish in the small to mid-sized schools division.

This is the first time that Truman has won the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Championship, as well as the first time the team had two debaters in the top four. For more information about the team, contact the Kristi Scholten, team director, at kscholten@truman.edu.
Thanks to the continued efforts of many Truman students, faculty and staff working in conjunction with the area community coordinators, the number of AEDs both on campus and in the community is increasing.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are machines that are used to assist someone who has undergone sudden cardiac arrest. They work to restore natural heart rhythm to the victim.

The latest unveilings involved several Truman community members. Glenn Wehner, professor of animal science, and Vicky Wehner, coordinator of disability services, donated to the campaign in memory of Glenn’s father who recently passed away. That AED was placed in Baldwin Hall next to the auditorium. Alumni Andrea Richards, instructor in communication disorders, and Dr. Robert Jackson also purchased an AED that is located in the Health Sciences Building. In addition to those AEDs, eight other machines have been placed on campus in the following buildings: Violette Hall, Pickler Memorial Library, Magruder Hall, Barnett Hall, the Student Union Building, Ophelia Parrish, the Student Health Center and Stokes Stadium. Older machines are located in the Student Recreation Center, Pershing Arena and the Department of Public Safety.

The AED Campaign was initiated in Spring 2011 with the goal of installing more AEDs in businesses around Kirksville. Students from Janice Clark’s Health 440 class have developed a partnership with the Northeast Missouri Heart Health committee to promote their AED Campaign. Students Taylor Hockman, Kristen Siegler, Anna Grinter and Jenna Osseck worked with the NEMO Heart Health committee to promote the campaign around the city. They designed an “AED Man” mascot, worked on the website and developed a flyer. They also helped promote the need for AEDs and recruited businesses to purchase an AED or allow one to be put on their premises. They attended AED unveilings where AEDs were installed into services in local businesses, organizations and churches.

During Fall 2011, students Chelsie Covey, Carissa Rethemeyer and Brian Strode continued to advertise AEDs in the community and recruited businesses. They also began checking the batteries of existing AEDs on-site. Strode made an appearance as “AED Man” in Truman’s homecoming parade. A second group of students consisting of Nicole Eckelkamp, Taylor Kennedy, Aurora Powell and Rikki Sitzes assisted in promoting, planning, programming and the clean-up of NEMO Heart Health committee’s “Gents and Joules” gala to raise money for the campaign. The event took place in November 2011 and raised more than $47,000.

This semester, three groups of Health 440 students are helping with the campaign. Jennifer Zweifel, Darius Taylor, Collin Dobson and Chris Gipple are continuing the advertising efforts and businesses recruitments as well as attending unveilings and performing AED inspections.

Andrea Martinez, Aileen McKenzie and Kelsey McManimie helped with NEMO Heart Health’s “Go Red for Women” day and the “Sweetheart” Dance that took place in February. A third group of students Alexander Boerkel, Chris Kaslin and Anna Bailey headed the “Change for Heart” campaign for campus and the community that recruited donations for the cause.

Clark plans to continue this initiative for the next semester in her Health 440 course.

Commencement Ceremony
2 P.M. • MAY 5 • STOKES STADIUM
(Rain site: Pershing Arena)

Beth Klein, alumna and accomplished lawyer, will give the commencement address. For more information about commencement ceremonies and detailed instructions for graduating students, visit provost.truman.edu/Graduation/index.asp.

Sweet Internships Photo Contest
The Career Center is hosting a photo contest open to all students participating in internships, practicums, field and/or research experiences and directed teaching experiences.

Contestants can submit a photo of them doing their jobs and write a 300-word description to have a chance to win $100 to Walmart. Entries are due by Aug. 17. More information and contest entry can be found at facebook.com/events/205149789588139/.
Students Receive Academic Honors Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement, will take place May 4 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumna Ellie Glenn (’07), director of the Office of Governmental Policy and Legislation for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, will be the guest speaker.

Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting
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Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Athletic Training
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in International Business
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Public Relations
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Writing
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders
Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing
Outstanding Graduate Student in Economics
Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education
Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education
Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education
Outstanding Graduate Student in English
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: General Concentration
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: Liberal Arts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: Performance
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy and Religion
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre
Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award
General George C. Marshall ROTC Award

Laura Hill
Bridget Han
Emily Mauch
Rudolf Cesaretti
Laura Wellington
Amy Hall
Brittini Jakuboski
Sara Rudder
Michael Atkinson
Hazar Khidir
Mickaela Gerler
Elizabeth Pulley
Erin Mayes
Amy Lehnoff
Juliet Alderson
Lauren Milburn
Paul Bischoff
Krista Crider
Ashley Bracken
Lauren Dowdy
Margaret Hilliard
Ross Knight
Michael Dial
Nicolette Mertitt
Shaina Dochterman
Laura Colombo
Karianne Jones
Corinne Schwarz
Danielle Bell
Sarah Sommerkamp
Brian Wilc
Jennifer Zweifel
Melissa Kaptan
Jennifer Pearlstein
Sarah Werner
Daniel Behr
Xiang Li
Stephanie Koltookian
Aileen McKenzie
James Thompson
Kaitlyn Friedly
Nathan Hardy
Kevin Satzinger
Adam Crews
Jennifer Pearlstein
Anthony Baldwin
Megan Hartman
Zachary Palmer
Amy Vicars
Alexander Meneely
Patrick Silvey
John Heisler

Next Issue
The next issue of the Truman Today will be available May 29.
Announcements may be submitted to tmiles@truman.edu.

NOTABLES

Five sociology majors from Truman, Danielle Clemons, Tashka Graves, Emily Love, Zachary Palmer and Adam Speak, attended the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., March 29-April 1. Palmer also presented a poster on “The Relationship Between Race and Racial Attitudes as Measured by Trait Assignment in the Sims 3” in the MSS Undergraduate poster competition.

Kassi Crocker, a biology major and Truman McNair Scholar, was accepted to participate in research programs at both Johns Hopkins and Harvard University. She has chosen to take part in the Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard (SROH), taking place from June-August. In addition to research with Harvard faculty, lectures and access to Harvard facilities and resources, SROH provides campus housing, board research and academic-related expenses, round-trip travel to and from Cambridge, as well as a stipend of $3,000.


Elaine McDuff, associate professor of sociology, presented a paper entitled “Internships and Transformative Learning in South Africa” in a session on study abroad and global transformation at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., March 30. She also organized the study abroad session, along with a session on women and religion and attended the board of directors meeting as the elected board representative from Missouri.
the Truman Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta of Missouri, initiated 42 students as Members in Course April 15. The inductees were: Yazan Nabil Alghalith, Stephen Timothy Backes, Scott Charles Biggerstaff, Shawn Michael Bodden, Deborah Rose Boekefer, Teresa Marie Borgmeyer, Nicole Lee Boyer, Taylor Bjorn Bronson, Rachel Nelle Cook, Clara Lynn Dahmer, Rachel Anne Dicke, Alec Ian Dutcher, Harold Brandon Eychaner, Daniel Matthew Gilmore, Darlene Renae Gollaher, Nathan Jeffrey Hardy, Megan Leigh Hartman, Joanne Elisabeth Heggemann, Kathryn Michele Hogan, Colin William Hughes, Kiera Lauren Hulsey, Elizabeth Leone Koehne, Aaron Michael Kusmec, Kerry Christine Lee, Hannah Marie Pey, Jessica Marie Phillips, Lauren Mattie Ross, Stephanie Renee Schaefer, Mark Reed Schneider, Corinne Elizabeth Schwarz, Caleb Joshua Smith, Sarah Elizabeth Sommerkamp, Connor Joseph Stangler, Adam Jose Suarez, Kathryn Ann Toomey, Bridget Catherine Waller, Laura Ashley Wellington, Danielle Elizabeth West, Julie Anne Wikle, Olivia Marie Wikle, Benjamin Paul Winter and Danielle Rae Witt.

Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members to Honor Society

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 12 p.m. May 3 in the Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

Applications for the MATH Pioneers Fellowship in Merrimack Valley, Mass., are available now at matchschool.org/matchcorps/pioneers.htm and are due June 25. Fellows will be tutoring high school algebra and geometry.

Applications for the world-competitive Rotary Peace Fellowship are now being accepted. The fellowship provides academic and practical training to prepare scholars for leadership roles in solving conflicts around the world. The 2013 Academic term deadline is July 1. Applications are available at rotary.org/rotarycenters.

This year’s annual steam system shutdown for maintenance and inspection is scheduled May 7-10. The steam system will be shut down at approximately 3 p.m. May 7 and is expected to be back in operation by May 10. The shutdown will affect every building except for Barnett Hall, Campbell Apartments, Ryle Hall, the Student Recreation Center and West Campus Suites.

 Phi Beta Kappa’s newest members pose in the Student Union Building for their induction April 15.

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest liberal arts and sciences honor society. Truman’s chapter, only the fourth in Missouri, was installed in 2001.

Retirement Reception
2 p.m. • May 18
Student Union Building Alumni Room

Master Sergeant James Allen Grove, senior military science instructor, is retiring after 26 years of service in the United States Army.

Move-In Volunteers
Student Affairs is looking for faculty and staff to volunteer to help students move in on Move-In Day Aug. 18. Volunteers will help unload cars and carry items to rooms. To sign up, contact the Student Affairs Office at 785.4111 or email bkral@truman.edu.

Boiler Shutdown

Pickler Memorial Library
Life Went On: A Reflection on the Civil War
A new exhibit on the American Civil War has been installed in the library gallery to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Kirksville. Designed by a group of students from Sara Orel’s Art 428 Museums and Collections class, the project will be on display throughout the summer. For more information, visit the new library exhibit Tumblr page at picklermemoriallibraryexhibits.tumblr.com.

ITS Activities
ITS Services Notes is a website and email notification system dedicated to keeping campus informed about technology updates and outages. To sign up for the service, visit its.truman.edu/servicenotes/subscribe.asp.

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“Kirksville,” a collection of poems by Bob Mielke, professor of English, contains 66 poems that are patterned after the works of Jim Barnes, a former Truman professor who published a collection on Paris. Poems include: “La Fuente, Baltimore Street,” “Upstairs at Too Talls Too,” “Woodwinds Apartments,” “Brashier Park (Within a Budding Grove),” “At the DuKum Inn” and “The Sun on Forest Lake.” “Kirksville” will be available in the Truman University Bookstore soon and can be ordered online now at donaldbooks.com/?page_id=61.